NEBRASKA TO PUT ROOSEVELT IN RACE

Law Has No Provision for Withdrawal.

PETITION IS SIGNED BY 26

Leader Admits He Has Had Correspondence With T. R.

PRIMARY HELD IN APRIL

Governor Aldrich Declares People May Force Nomination, Which Colonel Would Find Is Moral

Duty to Accept.

OYSTER BAY, Dec. 21. - Colonel Roosevelt was informed tonight of the movement to enter his name in the Nebraska primaries, and decitued to comment on it.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 21 .- A movement that may make Colonel Roosevelt an official candidate for President, even against his will, was started in Nebruska today, when a petition signed by John O. Yelser, an Omaha lawyer and 25 other citizens was presented for filling in the office of the Secretary of State, asking that the name of Colo Roosevelt be placed in the ballot to be voted at the Republican primaries

The situation is made more complex by the fact that there is said to be no provision in the primary law of Ne-brasks for the withdrawal of a candidate who has been nominated.

Correspondence Is Admitted.

Yelser, whose name leads the list of signers, said today that he had been "in correspondence" with Colonel but he refused to say whether or not he had been authorized to make use of the ex-President's name. "Under our state laws," said Yelser, "the candidate is not required to cept the nomination, nor is he authorfined to withdraw his name, once han been filed.

The text of the petition is as follows: To the Secretary of State of the State of Nebraska: The undersigned citteens and duly qualified electors the State of Nebraska, affiliated with the Republican party, hereby petition and request that the name of Theodore Roosevelt be placed on the Republican ticket as preferential candidate for President of the United publican primaries to be held on the 19th day of April, 1912."

The La Follette men professed today to believe that the placing of Roosevelt's name on the ballot would have no bad effect upon the chances of their

Latent Sentiment Discovered.

Governor Aldrich said in an interview tonight that the movement might be the beginning of one that would result in compelling Colonel Roosevelt to necept the nomination, whether or not he is now a candidate.

"Without doubt," said Governor Aldrich, "Mr. Hoosevelt's name could go the ballot in every state in the Union if Colonel Roosevelt would give the slightest indication that he we sanction it, and he would be nominated for President at the next National conveniion, just as casy as he was in

"Here in Nebraska there is a latent sentiment that needs but slight encouragement to become the dominant political force in the state. But de-spite Colonel Roosevelt's declaration that he does not wish to be a candidate under any circumstances, the people of this country may put him in a position that he may feel it to be his moral and parriotic duty to accept the nomination. The people elected him to the ex-alted position of the Presidency when he wanted it and it would be his grateful duty to become a candidate because

"Colonel Roosevelt could carry Ne brasks and the West by even a greater majority than he did before. It is my opinion that not only here in the West, but over the entire country, his nomi nation would cement and harmonize into a coherent working force the en

tire Republican party." Provision Without Penalty,

The Nebraska primary law makes it the duty of the delegates to the National convention to vote for the candi date receiving the highest popular vote for President. This is a provision, however, like that under which the people instruct the State Legislature regarding Senatorial elections, which could not be enforced should the delegates see fit to disregard it, according to the

Secretary Corrick, of the La Follette State League, when informed of the action taken by Yelser in putting Roosevelt's name in nomination for the Presidency, made the following state-

While there are many sincere ad mirers of Colonel Roosevelt in Nebraska no genuine progressive will be found voting for him for President. Genuine progressives will recognize everywhere that a vote for Roosevelt is a vote for Taft. A vote cast for Russerelt by a progressive can have no other result (Concluded on Page 2.)

TAPT BUYS STANDARD BOOKS AS CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

Young Army Lieutenant, Not Recognizing His Commander-in-Chief, Jostles Him in Store.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.-President Taft, who began his Christmas shopping in New York yesterday, made a trip through the downtown section late

today and selected several gifts.

The President's objective point was a book store, but en route he spent some time at a silversmith's, where he made several purchases. His advent into the shopping district was made in the quiet way in which Mr. Taft oves about the streets of the capita and hundreds among whom he

missed seeing him. While in the book store, a youn Army Lieutenant, intent on his examina-tion of some editions de luxe, pushed against the President, oblivious of the fact that he was jostling his Commander-in-Chief. Mr. Taft was equally absorbed with Major Butt in selecting me volumes and failed to observe the

The President confined his purchases to standard works and let the "best sellers" go by. He returned to the White House shortly after 6 o'clock.

DEVICE CONVICTS BRIBER

Gary Alderman's Illicit Transaction Recorded by Dictaphone.

CROWN POINT, Ind., Dec. 2L-Alderman Gibson, of Gary, Ind., was found guilty tonight of bribery in connection with the passage by the amittee of the Council of a heating franchise ordinance secured by Thomas B. Dean, of Louisville, Ky. It is the first conviction based on evi-

This is the first of the several trials of Gary officials on charges of bribery. The dictaphone, the delicate electrical instrument which gathers minute sounds in one room and transmits them to a telephone receiver elsewhere, carried to stenographers conversations between Dean and Gibson when they were negotiating in regard to the franchise, and the stenographers read into the record what purported to be the conversations, includ ing the alleged offers of bribes and their receipt. Dean, by whom the dictaphone was installed, was a witness

HAS JUBILEE PRELATE

Mrs. Hill Sends Ermine Robe to Archbishop Ireland,

ST. PAUL, Dec. 21.—Fifty years ago Archbishop John G. Ireland entered the priesthood of the Roman ton, legal expert. In view of Catholic Church. At the expressed wish number of petitions for and against of the archbishop, there was no public the extension of the project which have celebration of the anniversary, but been received by the department, sevmany friends took advantage of the eral open meetings will be held to can-occasion to express their congratulaoccasion to express their congratula-

tions and good wishes. Mrs. James J. Hill sent a robe of ermine with a long train. The robe is fastened in front with a large clasp set in jewels. Many presents from friends both in and out of the city vere received at the Archbishop's residence. They were mostly costly paintings, but the names of the donors and the descriptions of the presents were

HEAVIEST MAIL INDICATED

Sunday Work Required, Setting Aside Department Rules.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.-Although four days before Christmas, the crush of holiday matters in the mails is that Postmaster-General great Hitchcock Issued orders today that postoffice clerks and carriers must work on Sunday in the distribution of letters and packages. This is despite the Department rules. Instructions have been given the

postmasters of the larger cities to see to the prompt distribution of mail matter and to this end authority is given hiring wagons and teams. Indications are that the pressure of

Christmas mail this year will be the greatest in the history of the

BUILDING BILL ADVANCED

Million Dollar Appropriation for Portland on Senate Calendar.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 .- The Senate public buildings committee today reorted favorably the bill appropriating \$1,000,000 for construction of Portland's

new Federal building.
This places the bill on the Senate Its passage by the Senate is regarded as virtually assured, and it will be incorporated in the omnibus public buildings bill, if one is passed by Congress at this session

TYPHOID SERUM ADVISED

Government Order Applies to Field Force of One Department.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 .- Typhoid in-culation is to be introduced by official order among the field force of the Department of Agriculture. This is the first time on record that a civil department of the Government has taken

such a step. The inoculation is not compulsory, but is recommended because of the ravages of typhold in the force,

PRESIDENT PASSES FISHER OPENS WAY

Engineers' Board Will Visit Oregen.

MONEY TO BE FORTHCOM NG

West Umatilla Work Assured if Report Is Favorable.

TAFT ALREADY IMPRESSED

President Outspoken in Desire to Do "Square Thing" by Oregon. Hearing to Be Held in Localities Concerned.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 21.—secretary Fisher today advised the President that at an early date he will convene the board of engineers of the Reclamation Service to consider thoroughly the report of the preliminary investigation and surveys made of the West Umatilla project, with a view to determining the nost feasible project that is open to the Government.

This is the most favorable sign since the President in January last ordered preliminary surveys made, and while the Government officials are not willing to commit themselves absolutely it is semi-officially announced that this marks the beginning of a Government project unless, on account of protests filed, it should be found inadvisable to proceed with this work.

Within the past few days Secretary

Fisher has received the report of the local engineers who made surveys for the West Umatilla project and the report is now being studied.

Alternative Plans Considered. Several alternative plans are pre

sented for projects ranging from 10,000 to 57,000 acres, and in view of the complicated situation that exists and the fact that many engineering problems are involved, Secretary Fisher has deided that it is best to allow a board of competent engineers to go over all the plans and records before determining just what is the most feasible and most practicable project open to the Government.

The board probably will consist of A. P. Davis, chief engineer; D. C. Henny, consulting engineer, and O. P. Morall interested persons an opportunity

Money Will Be Forthcoming.

These meetings likely will be held at Stanfield, Hermiston and possibly at Pendleton and other points in Eastern Facts developed at these hearings, as well as a study of the engineering problems, will guide the board in formulating its report to the

Secretary of the Interior. It can be said on trustworthy infornation that if this board reports fa-(Concluded on Page 2.)

ANNUAL OREGON'S GREAT-EST ADVERTISER.

by The Oregonian's Annual as an advertiser of Portland Oregon was given by Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railway, at a banquet held at the Portland Commercial Club last Spring. Mr. Hill told the assembled business men that they could not overestimate the work accomplished by The Oregonian's big edition in drawing people to

"In bringing settlers to your state The Oregonian Annual has been a most potent factor," said Mr. Hill. "From our investigations we know that many persons who took advantage of the special colonists' rates were attracted to the West by this publicagon we found that every person had read The Oregonian Annual and was persuaded by it to make his home in this state."

The Annual to be issued January 1, 1912, will be fully as effective as have been its predeces sors in presenting to the world the opportunities that are open in this state. Every citizen can help in the upbuilding of Oregon by sending copies of this big edi-tion to his friends,

The price is 5 cents a copy. Domestic postage, 5 cents. Foreign postage, 10 cents.

MRS. DAVIS WILL NOT SUE

Author's Wife Says She Does Not Seek Divorce-Couple Estranged.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21,- (Special.)-Mrs. Richard Harding Davis, in the first interview she has given since her sepa-ration from her author husband, declared today she would not sue for divorce. Whether there remained hope for a reconciliation she would not say. The impression was given that she

that Mr. Davis would go his way alone. The announcement that Mrs. Davis would not institute divorce proceed-ings in Chicage will cause surprise here, in New York, Washington and Marion, Mass., where she passed her ummers, and in other cities where the writer and his wife are well known. Mrs. Davis left her husband more than a year ago.

PORTLAND TO GET PLANT Roseburg Capitalist to Start Fruit

Spray Concern Here. ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 21 .- (Special.)

-John A. Hunter, a Roseburg capital-lst, left here tonight for Portland, where he will immediately start the erection of a fruit spray manufacturing plant. The plant will cost approxi-mately \$20,000 and will have a capacity

Mr. Hunter will maintain the Rose-Mr. Hunter will maintain the Rose-burg plant for auxiliary purposes de-pending upon the Portland plant for days. the greater part of the output

TAFT GETS 40-POUND BIRD

Huge Rhode Island Turkey Sent for President's Christmas Dinner.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 .- A turkey from Rhode Island, intended for the President's Christmas dinner, arrived at the White House today. It weighed 40 pounds

NATIONS ENJOIN

Outcome Feared.

Yuan Positive in Refusal to

ARMISTICE GIVES

Powers Point Out That Republicans Have Gained Every Material Issue, Only Name of Monarchy Now Remaining.

PEKIN, Dec. 21.-Premier Yuan Shi Kai today gave his answer to those who are aiming to transform China In an official state into a republic. ment he declared without qualification that he refused to accept a republic. At the Shanghal peace conference Wu Ting Fang, Foreign Minister in the

and later Tang Shao Yi, Yuan Shi Kai's representative, said he was convinced that the abdication of the Emperor and the establishment of a republic was the only thing that would satisfy the At the same time he expressed doubt

plan for a limited monarchy. Britain Gains Support.

the monarchy. A new situation arisen. Great Britain, which has been supporting the Premier's monarchial programme for several weeks, is now strengthened by Japan, and is endea-voring to obtain the support of the United States and other countries. Great Britain believes the separation of the dependencies, Manchuria, Mon-golla and Thibet, and the serious disintegration of China proper, would re-sult from the establishment of a republic, whereas the republicans already have obtained in a material way everything they desired. Only the name of

already supports the British idea and

Pressure Directed at Rebels

that the six nowers urged the Shanghal peace conference to reach an agree-Now Great Britain is endeavoring to persuade the rebels to coterms. It is pointed out that British interference is not directed against China's interests, but against the sen timental idea in such cases where the practical interests of the entire Nation are being placed in leoperdy. The extension of the armistice for

GIFT MADE FROM FORGOTTEN LIFE

MAN OF LOST MEMORY FINDS FRIEND OF BLANK DAYS.

Woman Who Says He Befriended Her Halts Him, Hands Him Gold Watch and Goes.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 21 .- (Special.)-The first Chrismas season of his mature years of which S. Chandler Rogers has any conscious knowledge, brought to him an experience which rivals in interest many other of the remarkable incidents in the new existence of the puzzling man of lost memory and multiple personality.

Last night, while standing in front of a theater, a woman approached him, drew him to one side and after telling him that as Roger Kenny he had be friended her three years ago, slipped into his pocket a package which prove to contain a handsome gold watch with his initials engraved on the case

"You do not know me," said the wo man, who was of middle age. "But three years ago I met you hers and you came to our home, where you took dinner two or three times. My little daughter, then about 10 years of age. was your special favorite. You kind to us then, and I want to show you that I remember you."

The woman spoke with such sin cerity and feeling that Rogers asked her name. This she did not give, saying: "It doesn't matter now-things are different with me and mine and we are happier. I know that you would not remember, because I have read your story and have heard you talk;

now I'll say good-night."
Rogers pressed the woman for more information, asking if she had any etters or papers which would help im in his effort to trace the missing 14 years of his life. She answered in he negative and then, bidding him a "Merry Christmas," boarded a Mad-

FIRE ROUTS YOUNG SANTA School Entertainment Ends When

Panic Follows Flames. COSHOCTON, O. Dec. 21 .- While

playing Santa Claus, in a school en-certainment, Melville Shyrock, 16 years old, probably was fatally burned and Jesse Turner, 12 years old, his assistant, was seriously burned when a lighted candle fell and set fire to Christmas tree.

The school building was crowded and in the panic that followed several teachers and others were injured.

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CUT 1-7 OF EXISTING RATES

Officials of Telegraph Organization Say Preparations Are Being Made to Give Connected Telephone Service Throughout Country.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21 .- A telephone rate war up and down the Pacific Coast was instituted here tonight by the Postal Telegraph Company, which made a 15-cent slash in the charge for talking to Sacramento.

Officials of the company said that the Postal Company, within six months, would be in the telephone business in California, Oregon. Washington. Nevada and Utah. William Hearn, super-Intendent of the California and Southwest division of the Postal Company, said that an agreement with the Independent Telephone Company in Portland, Or., was being closed and that similar arrangements will be made in other cities.

Such a one has been effected with the Home Telephone Company, of Los Angeles, already.

Phone Field Invaded.

This is the Postal Company's tirst real invasion of the long-distance telephone field up and down the Coast and is to compete with the Western Union-Bell Telephone alliance. The Postal officials tonight an-

nounced a rate of 25 cents for a 16 minutes' talk with Sacramento, 86 miles away, as against the existing rate of 40 cents a minute, said like reductions would be offered to other Coast points as soon as a schedule can be promul gated.

Lake City and this city has been had for some time. Rates are now reduced. The service to Sacramento was the first invasion of local territory by the new telephone line.

Traffic Agreement Made. For several months the Postal Com-

nendent telephone companies up and down the Pacific Coast for an interchange of traffic and recently entered into a working agreement with the gelest.

William Hearn, superintendent of the

California and Southwest divisions of

the Postal Company, announced tonight

that within a few months connection would be completed with the lines of the Home Telephone Company of Los Angeles, and that service would be offered to all points between Los Angeles and Salt Lake City. At the same time, he said, work was being pushed along the same lines in Northern California, Oregon and Wash-

ington and that telephone serwice would be ready between all these points within six months.

Connected Service Object "The Postal Company is preparing to connected telephone throughout the country." Hearn. "We have operated a line from San Francisco to Salt Lake for nearly a year. We have already entered into agreements with some independent companies and agreements with others are pending

ing these companies but simply ex-changing service with them. We are fitting out main lines so that we will be able to give service over all of them. "Our rates will be in comparison with that put into effect between this city and Sacramento, or about one-seventh of the existing rates.

"The Postal Company is not absorb-

"We are just closing up an agreement with the independent company at Portland, and that city will be one of the first to be connected.

HOME COMPANY IS WILLING

Officer of Portland Concern Says No. Agreement Has Yet Been Signed.

J. B. Middleton, secretary and manager of the Home Telephone Company of Portland, when interviewed over the company's wire early this morning, said that while no agreement had as yet been signed with the Postal Telegraph Company, that the local company looked with favor upon a traffic alliance to compete with the Western Union-Bell phone interests. He said that the Home Company would continue to be independent.

"Arrangements are now being made by the Independent Telephone Company at Medford and at San Francisco for a line from San Francisco to Portland," esid Mr. Middleton. "Those companies, I understand, have arranged for a wire over the Postal Company's wire. The line will be connected with our system

TERMS ON REBELS Testimony to the results gained

Division of Country Is

BRITISH PLAN HAS SUPPORT

Concede Republic.

revolutionary provisional Cabinet, spoke strongly in favor of a republic

whether it would be possible to per suade Yuan Shi Kai to abandon his It is believed here that Yuan Shi Kai

means what he says and will uphold

the monarchy is left.
It is said that the American group, if not the American State Department, is ready with two, if not three, of the others of the "four-nation group" of financiers to lend Yuan Shi Kai's government money. Negotiations so this

It was on Great Britain's initiative

THERE AIN'T NO SANTA CLAUS, IS THERE MOTHER?

