



PIRATICAL PROGRAM

Portland Will Dictate the Senatorship.

UNHOLY TWENTY-THREE

Jack Matthews in Charge of Operations and Busy With Preliminary Work.

STATEMENT NO. 1 IS DOOMED

Chamberlain and Fulton Marked for Sacrifice, and T. B. Wilcox, the Champion Round Whom All Will Rally.

A certain citizen of this city went to the metropolis the other day for the express purpose of ascertaining, as nearly as might be, the Republican political status of things there and the consensus of Portland opinion on what the programs were to be for the summer, fall and winter campaigns; and a reporter of the Morning Astoria having knowledge of his intent, lost no time in hunting him up on his return, for an interview, since there is as deep an interest in this subject, broadcast here, as this intelligent seeker, himself, feels in the premise. The gentleman was in no wise reticent and unboomed himself to the following effect:

"To my surprise I found, upon casual inquiry, that there were exactly 23 candidates for the United Senate in, and of, the city of Portland; and this impressed me with the conviction that Portland was committed to the policy of holding the representation from this State in the upper house exclusively within her own bounds, an impression that was crystallized into righteous conviction before I left there.

"As the Portland proposition is now framed up, the 'unholy 23', as they are dubbed up there, are pledged to two undeviating lines of procedure, namely, the election of one of their group to the Senate at Washington, and the obliteration of Statement No. 1, from the legal and political organism of the State.

"Jack Matthews has been haled back from the fastnesses of his long retirement, reinforced with a brand new suit of togs and a clean shave, and is in charge of the propaganda; and as a consequence of the new assignment, he has chucked all his old alliances and is as busy as 10 men around the Imperial Hotel lobby, button-holing every man that looks as if he needed enlightenment or any other old thing that may qualify him as an adherent to the new and entirely metropolitan schedule.

"The fact that Mr. Matthews is taking pains to declare that T. B. Wilcox will not be a candidate for this lofty office upon any predicate analogous to Statement No. 1, leaves, of course, the incontestable inference, that that gentleman will be a candidate before the legislature next winter, and this is admitted everywhere there. Mr. Cake is the only man in Portland, with aspirations of this sort who even pretends to confess the functional uses of Statement No. 1, and he is in the field on that basis, and of course due to be slaughtered when the combination gets after him. The Wilcox boom was born simultaneously with the Taft banquet last fall, and which served as its cradle, with the irrepressible Tom Richard-

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BELL'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

An Increase in Pay Schedule For Enlisted Men of the Army.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—General Bell, chief of staff, today recommended in person to the house committee an increase in the pay schedule for the enlisted men of the army.

He recommends the creation of grade warrant officers for the promotion of deserving non-commissioned officers; the readjustment of initial rates of pay so they range from \$15 to \$42; a cash bonus of three months' pay for re-enlistment and increase of \$1 to \$9 in pay for high attainment in marksmanship.

It was estimated by Bell that if these changes were made the average pay of enlisted men be increased 33 per cent making the average \$23.64. Bell also recommended an increase of pay for the regular army officers.

CHAMP CLARK'S SPEECH.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—The general debate on the legislative appropriation bill was brought to close in the House today after a session full of interest and entertainment. Several speeches were made on the issues of the day, the most notable being that by Champ Clark who commanded the attention of the House for an hour and a half. Upon the conclusion of his remarks he was accorded an ovation by the Democrats and Republicans alike.

Clark arraigned the Republicans for their attitude on the tariff question and said the announcement that there would be a tariff revision after the election was simply "in preparation of another stupor—a bluff upon the people." He discussed the President's message and said whatever his virtues or his faults, the President was not a Democrat.

THE SHIP BUILDERS

Organize for Purpose of Agreeing on Prices.

WAGE SCHEDULE NECESSARY

To Call Another Meeting for the Purpose of Effecting a Permanent Organization—Time and Place to be Set by President and Secretary.

PORTLAND, Feb. 13.—The representatives of wooden shipbuilders on the Pacific Coast met here today and effected a preliminary organization. John Lundstrom of Aberdeen, was elected temporary president, and George Matthews of Hoquiam, secretary. Besides these George E. Billings, representing the Hall Shipbuilding Company of San Francisco, John H. Hubbard of Winslow and Theodore Knudson, Joseph Supple and C. Nelson of Portland.

Mr. Price, of Coquille, was present by proxy and the other builders expressed sympathy with the movement by letter. The object of the association is for the purpose of agreeing on a wage schedule, and the manner of conducting the several yards in relation to the labor unions.

The President was given authority to call another meeting within sixty days for the purpose of effecting a permanent organization at the time and place agreed upon by him and the secretary. The date of the next meeting will probably be the middle of March and the place will be Portland.

GATES PIPE LINE.

PORT ARTHUR, Texas, Feb. 13.—The eight-inch oil pipe line which John W. Gates and associates, comprising the Texas company, built from Tulsa, Okla., to Port Arthur, was placed in regular operation today. It is 582 miles long, and was built at a cost of more than \$6,000,000.

TAFT SPEAKS AT DETROIT

Guest of Lumber Dealers Association.

MORAL AWAKENING

Ambassador Jusserand Given Hearty Welcome When Presented by Toastmaster.

NO GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP

He Admitted That European Investors Had Been Frightened at the Revelations of Dishonesty in Many of our Large Institutions.

DETROIT, Feb. 13.—Secretary Taft was the guest of the Michigan Retail Lumber Dealers' Association this afternoon and talked for half an hour at a luncheon tendered him upon the "Moral awakening recently from business methods which permit illegality and fraud."

Secretary Taft is accompanied by Ambassador Jusserand, Governor Guild of Massachusetts and United States Senator Alden Smith.

Former Senator Palmer presided as toastmaster. Ambassador Jusserand was given a hearty thundering welcome when he was presented by the toastmaster. The ambassador said because of his position, he naturally could not mingle in American politics but he eulogized the American presidents of the past and said it was his hope that the country would add another glorious name to the already glorious list.

"I do not know who it be," said the Ambassador, "But it seems that you know." (Applause for several moments).

Taft spoke of the revelations of the insurance investigation and the evils of the over issue of stocks and bonds which he said was obtaining money under false pretenses. The secretary advised greater power be granted the interstate commerce commission.

He also declared that he believed government ownership of railroads would create a tremendous concentration of power and would endanger the safety of the republic. He recommended that the anti-trust law be made more specific. Regarding the panic through which have just passed, Taft said some who had felt the lash of public opinion attribute this to legislation. He stated that the charge is untrue.

He admitted that European investors had been frightened at the revelations of dishonesty in many of our large institutions, but declared that the man charged with this lack of confidence is not the man who pointed it out but the one who engaged in it illegality.

GO ON SHORT TIME.

ELGIN, Ill., Feb. 13.—The Elgin National Watch Company today posted notices, saying that beginning tomorrow the factory will be closed on Saturdays until further notice. This action is taken on account of the dullness in trade, which the company believes will be of short duration. Three thousand operatives are affected.

EX-SENATOR OUT AGAIN.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 13.—Former United States Senator John L. Wilson, of Washington who was operated upon a short time ago at Johns Hopkins Hospital, left that institution today and went to Atlantic City.

RAISULI BEFORE FOOTLIGHTS

On a Death Trap Stage Would Be Better.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—It is announced that there is a possibility of Raisuli, the Moroccan bandit appearing on the variety stage in London.

APPEAL DENIED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 13.—The appeal of J. W. Finley, a convict in the penitentiary who made a murderous attempt on R. J. Murphy, one of the prison officials during an attempted outbreak at Folsom prison, December 29, 1904, was denied by the supreme court today, and Finley must pay the death penalty as provided by the penal code for cases of murderous assault by a convict under life sentence.

AUTOMOBILE RACE.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 13.—Four of the automobiles engaged in the New York-Paris race reached or passed Albany today. One American, one French and Italian cars passed here early this afternoon and the first German car arrived at 10 p. m. and will pass the night here. The other French car is spending the night at Hudson and the second German car at Rhinebeck. All cars experienced great difficulty with heavy snow drifts and soft roads.

ENGLISH TRADE DECREASES.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—The January trade returns show an all around decrease in imports to the amount of 7 per cent, and in exports to the amount of less than 2 per cent. The value of imported raw materials declined \$9,466,710, and that of manufactures \$12,000,500.

GARFIELD'S ADDRESS

First Big Gun Fired for Republican Campaign.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGES

He Denounced in Stinging Sentences Men of Wealth Who Break the Laws and Seek to Turn Political Power to Their Own Use.

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—One of the first big guns of the Republican national campaign was fired at the Lincoln day banquet of the Hamilton Club last night by James R. Garfield, secretary of the interior.

The efforts of the administration to correct the abuse of special privileges and the intentions of President Roosevelt in taking each of his steps against corporate wealth formed the subject of Mr. Garfield's address.

The question of special privileges, Mr. Garfield maintained, was uppermost of the problems of the day. The Republican party he said, stood face to face with the proposition of carrying on the policies of the President in bringing men of wealth who broke the laws to their account or turning back the pages of history.

The currency question, tariff, labor troubles and various other subjects were touched upon by Mr. Garfield but all as illustrative of his great point. The administration, he said, stood for the gaining of equal opportunity to all men and such as enforcement of the laws as to bring this about.

Mr. Garfield denounced in stinging sentences men of wealth who break the laws and seek to turn political power to their own use. He was careful to draw the line, however, between the destructive and constructive kind of criticism. The policy of the administration toward corporation evil doers, he said, had averted

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INTERESTING STATISTICS

Pennsylvania Railroad a Mighty Corporation.

OVER 77,000 INVESTORS

Income Paid to Investors Must Come From Surplus Earnings of Company.

MANY WOMEN STOCKHOLDERS

During the Year the Average Holdings Decreased From 150 to 110 Shares—European Investors Grew From 7753 to 9149 Shares in a Year

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—The Times this morning says:

Figures compiled to January 1 this year show that on that date the shareholders in the Pennsylvania R. R. Company numbered 57,226, an increase of 16,370 for the year.

During the year the average holdings decreased from 150 to 110 shares. The number of women stockholders increased from 19,282 to 26,471 while the number of European investors grew from 7753 on December 31, 1906, to 9149 a year later. The increase in total holders for the month of December, 1907, was 1831. The companies controlled by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company comprise the lines east of Pittsburg in which there are 11,111 shareholders, and in the companies west of Pittsburg 9682 shareholders. These make a total of 20,973 holders in all the subsidiary companies. A few hundred of these holders represent the Pennsylvania Railroad proper but approximately 20,000 are entirely independent stockholders. These added to the 57,226 investors in the parent company make a total of more than 77,000 investors who look to the profits of the Pennsylvania for a whole or a part of their income. The income which is paid to these 77,000 people must come from the surplus earnings of the companies, for none of the thousands of bond holders scattered all over the world and to whom the companies are pledged to pay various fixed percentages, is included in this compilation.

NATIONAL BANK RESERVES.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—The Senate discussed the law governing the reserves of the national banks that subject having been brought up by Senator Rayner, who reverted to the controversy over the statements made in the Senate yesterday when the Aldrich currency bill was under discussion. The criminal code bill was also under consideration for a couple of hours, Senator Clay securing the substitution of the old law instead of the proposed revised sections which prevent intoxicating liquors being sent through the mails into "dry" states or counties.

3-CENT FARE IN MONTANA.

LEWISTON, Mont., Feb. 13.—The five-cent rate on the Montana Railroad will be reduced to three cents as soon as the Pacific extension of the St. Paul road is in operation between Harlowton and Lombard, both Montana points. Before the state railway commission could have a hearing on the subject of the rate, President Gunn of the Montana Road, promised this rate to the business men of Lewistown.

INDIANA FOR FAIRBANKS.

Beveridge Objects to Statements Regarding Delegates.

WABASH, Feb. 13.—Senator Beveridge addressed the Indiana Lincoln League of the Republican Clubs here tonight. Beveridge said in part: "The Indiana delegation is going to Chicago for Fairbanks. Statements are being sent out that after a few ballots have been cast for him the delegation is to be delivered to this or that candidate. This is an insult to the Republicans of this state which in their name I denounce."

He says the Republicans are not to be traded or delivered and will vote for Fairbanks until that gentleman either is nominated or he himself asks they discontinue supporting him. If the latter is the case, they will vote for whom they please.

ENGINEERS CUT.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 13.—Secretary A. B. Hammond of the San Francisco shipowners association today sent communication to the secretary of the marine engineers' association declaring that commencing on the afternoon of February 14th the vessels of the association will carry but two engineers instead of three as heretofore on vessels going north of Crescent City and south of Point Conception. It is expected the result will be a lockout of the members of the engineers' association. It is expected that if the engineers go out, the firemen, deckhands and waiters will stand by them.

DYNAMITE EXPLODED.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Feb. 13.—Oscar Johnson, foreman of the dam construction crew of the Hanford Irrigation Company, was killed today by an explosion of a stick of dynamite which he was thawing. Johnson lived in Seattle.

GOVERNOR INDICTED

Former Governor Foster W. Voorhees of New Jersey.

ALLEGATION IS PERJURY

Frank H. Combes Also Indicted—Were Officials of Bankers' Life Insurance Company—Pleading Will Probably be Friday.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—Indictments alleging perjury were returned today against former Governor Foster M. Voorhees of New Jersey and Frank H. Combes, following the grand jury investigation into the acts of these two men while they were officials of the Bankers' Life Insurance Company. The pleading probably will occur on Friday. The Bankers' Life went out of existence some time ago and the allegations are connected with the acts prior to 1905 while Voorhees was president and Combes secretary. They are charged with having made false reports to the state insurance commissioner.

JEWISH TEACHERS MARRIED.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—Lionel K. Simmonds and Clara R. Gottfried were married yesterday in the synagogue connected with the Hebrew Orphan Asylum in Thirteenth street. The marriage was the culmination of a romance which began in the institution 16 years ago when both, as inmates of the institution became acquainted. Since that time both have become teachers, one in the public schools of the city, the other in the institution where her education was received. The beautiful wedding was witnessed by a large party including the directors of the institution, among whom are some of the wealthiest Hebrews in New York.