

POLITICAL HISTORY IS DESTROYED

Sons Burn Practically All of Immense Correspondence of Senator Mitchell.

RECEIVED AND ANSWERED THOUSANDS OF LETTERS

These, Telling in Great Detail, the Story of Politics in Oregon, Nearly All Were Preserved by the Senator Until His Death.

A complete political history of the state of Oregon was burned the other day.

When John H. Mitchell, Jr. and Hiram E. Mitchell finished the work of examining the records and documents in the offices of their father, the late United States Senator John H. Mitchell, after many days devoted to it, they destroyed practically every letter that had been received by the departed statesman.

It was in 1860 he arrived in Portland from San Francisco and the following year he was elected city attorney. The next year he went to the legislature and was president of the senate. He soon became a dominant figure in the political system of the commonwealth.

He was exceedingly accommodating and made it a practice never to refuse a favor within his power to grant.

People in every city, town and hamlet and on hundreds of farms wrote to Senator Mitchell when they wanted something done in Washington, and it came to be recognized that regardless of political affiliations, he would attend to any detail there, no matter what its nature, and without hope of reward.

The result was that Senator Mitchell had on his correspondence list hundreds, perhaps thousands, of persons, who virtually made him run errands for them at Washington. His letters files grew voluminous until they were an enormous mass, yet he never destroyed a letter.

Therefore, for 45 years past his office records told the yearly chapter that was added to the political story of the state.

W. BURKE COCKRAN IS SERIOUSLY ILL

New York, Dec. 27.—It became known tonight that W. Burke Cockran has been ill for 10 days in his apartments at the Waldorf-Astoria, and that his condition is such that physicians have advised him to go to Arizona in the hope of regaining his health.

This "Baby" Got Hurt.

A genuine mahogany cased new Chickering "Baby" grand, slightly marred in holiday rush, to be sold at \$118 off. Also a few others. Pay \$12 a month. Eilers Piano House.

Bank and Trust Company Closes.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 27.—The Merchants' Trust company of this city went into liquidation today. The American Savings bank and the trust company closed their doors to avoid a run. The capital stock of the trust company is \$500,000, and its deposits \$600,000. The stock of the American Savings bank is \$250,000, and its deposits \$625,000.

Report of Game Warden.

Salem, Or., Dec. 27.—The report of J. M. Baker, game and forestry warden, for 1935 was published today. It shows a balance of \$12,000 on hand. During the year the revenues from licenses for hunters amounted to \$17,421. There were 24 arrests and convictions, and \$2,000 in fines were collected.

Preferred Stock Canned Goods.

Allen & Lewis' Best Brand.

WEALTHY SOCIETY LEADER WEDS HER COACHMAN

After Remaining Single Forty-Eight Years, Miss Fisher Marries Pat Kelly.

(Journal Special Service.)

ITHACA, N. Y., Dec. 27.—After remaining single 48 years, and devoting her time to charity and social reform, Margaret B. Fisher, a wealthy leader in society in this city, called Rev. B. A. Goss to her residence last evening, and in the presence of two maids of her household married her coachman, Pat Kelly.

Mrs. Kelly is an ardent worker in the Social Service league of the Congregational church and Women's club. Being worth a half million, she is very generous, and her charities are many.

She is handsome, and, it is reported, has refused many offers of marriage. Kelly is 42 years old. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly left immediately for a short wedding trip, and will be at home after the holidays, and soon their women are wondering what they shall do.

CAPTURED BY THE TROOPS

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General Douhasoff has issued an appeal to the people in which they are exhorted not to listen to the teaching of incendiaries who, the appeal continues, only want the mistaking of the recent manifesto, so as to be able to continue in the pillaging and burning that has characterized the uprising in many of the provinces. The appeal concludes by calling upon the people to give all the aid in their power to assist the soldiers of the government in restoring order throughout the city and province.

With the partial victory gained over the revolutionists, the most rigid martial law is being enforced in Moscow, and after 9 o'clock at night no person is allowed upon the streets. Hundreds of workmen have left the city on foot and are traveling to other towns many miles distant.

Not a light is seen from the windows of the houses after nightfall, all apertures being stuffed with mattresses and other coverings while the terrified inmates in many instances are crouched in the cellars beneath their houses.

Reports from Other Places. The rebel leaders in St. Petersburg unwillingly admit that their cause is losing ground, as notwithstanding the decision of the workmen's council to continue the strike, many of the strikers have broken away, and from the outlook the leaders concede that all now depends upon a victory by them at Moscow.

Warsaw, according to late reports from there, is threatened with revolt. Last night the employees of the street railways struck and the employees of the steam roads may follow their example, while armed revolutionists threaten a repetition of the Moscow disturbances.

Lord armed resistance in the coal mining regions is threatened by workmen who may strike today.

At Odessa it is reported that the strike, which was only partially successful, may collapse at any moment.

The one thing that makes the situation for the government so hard to control is that the liberals distrust Count Witte, who they say favored the revolution until the firms of power were well within his grasp, but who now seeks to crush the uprising that he may retain his office. They believe that when the strikers are overcome, Russia's liberty will be forever gone, as the czar will never grant his subjects liberty voluntarily.

The new electoral law gazetted today is a great extension of the law of last August, but is proving a great disappointment to the masses, who are all crying for universal suffrage.

The newspapers appeared in St. Petersburg today and communication with Moscow has been reopened, but the officials are monopolizing the wires. From some of the outside points news is not of a very encouraging nature. Abnormal conditions in the main prevail in Warsaw and Lodz.

LONGWORTH WARMLY GREETED BY FRIENDS

(Journal Special Service.)

Cincinnati, Dec. 27.—Congressman Longworth arrived home here today to spend a few holidays with his friends. It will probably be his last visit to his home city as a bachelor. Everywhere he was warmly greeted and congratulated and the congressman blushing accepted the well wishes of his friends.

A number of Mr. Longworth's friends are planning to give him a rousing farewell before he returns to Washington. It will probably be the greatest event in the social season of Cincinnati.

SOCIETY WOMAN TORTURES HER ADOPTED WARD

Fourteen-Year-Old Girl Prodded With Toasting Fork and Jabbed With Scissors.

(Journal Special Service.)

ALTO, Ill., Dec. 27.—The trial of Mrs. Archibald McKinney, very prominent in Illinois society and a member of many clubs, for revolting tortures inflicted on Stella Grady, a 14-year-old adopted ward, will be resumed after the holiday adjournment. The defendant is accused of prodding the back of the child with a toasting fork, stabbing her with scissors and inflicting other injuries of such a nature that the minds of both sexes were excluded from the courtroom during the taking of testimony.

Photographs of Stella Grady's back and hips showing hundreds of wounds were submitted to the jury. Her attorney admitted all the revolting charges made by the prosecution, and said they only went to substantiate the claim that Mrs. McKinney was insane. Seven of her relatives had gone insane.

STATEMENT OF HAMILTON

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Hamilton said further, that when he learned of proposed legislation detrimental to the interests of the company, he stopped it, believing that prevention was better than cure. He said that a free use of the public press did much to help in preventing such legislation, but it was expensive. Concluding Hamilton said:

"I have found in my work in every legislative body in which I have had dealings in the United States that there is as large a percentage of honest men as in any walk in life. I have never found it difficult to defeat blackmailers. The best years of my life have been devoted to the work of defeating legislation hostile to the policy holders."

No Vouchers Taken. The injunction of the president of the New York Life was always unmistakable and explicit that I should confine my work within the law of the land.

Regarding the accounts, no vouchers were taken from me nor by me in consequence of an agreement to have the proceedings kept secret.

Hamilton appended a table showing his expenditures from the time of the Prussian report in 1899 to 1905, including his own salary, but excepting the \$250,000 Hughes asked to have explained. The statement shows the following expenditures in their respective years:

In 1899, \$76,000; 1900, \$93,000; 1901, \$127,000; 1902, \$48,000; 1903, \$55,500; 1904, \$142,100; 1905, \$147,500.

In regard to the \$250,000 he says that he was entitled to apply this amount to other accounts and that there were obligations incurred yet to be paid from it. However, he was willing to place in the custody of the company \$100,000 to be paid back in the future, either wholly or in part, as the auditors may determine.

Missouri Insurance.

(Journal Special Service.)

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 27.—The hearing of the case of the New York Life Insurance company against State Insurance Superintendent W. D. Frazier of this state, to restrain him from enforcing his order revoking the license of the company, came up before Judge Elmer B. Adams in the federal court today. Mr. Vandiver was represented by Attorney-General Hadley, F. W. Lehman and John M. Wood, and the New York Life Insurance company was represented by a number of prominent eastern lawyers.

MONEY AT ONE HUNDRED

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of the previous day of \$2.25 a share. The smelting stocks were likewise very weak. American Smelter common dropping 1 1/2 points during the sensational trading. It closed very weak around the low level of the day.

Even local traction shares, which of late have made each day a substantial advance, were today among the heaviest losers. Brooklyn Rapid Transit lost 1 1/2 points, while Metropolitan dropped back \$2.25 under the closing of yesterday.

Reading railway has undergone some remarkable advances in the price of her shares during the past month but even the good reports of earnings failed to keep the price of that stock above water today. Today Reading common closed the session with a net decline of \$2.25.

'FRISCO EXCHANGE CLOSES.

(Journal Special Service.)

San Francisco, Dec. 27.—The Pacific Grain & Stock exchange suspended business this morning. The exchange was operated by William and John O'Brien, formerly telegraph operators, who were also connected with the firm of E. C. Hetsel company. The loss by the failure is estimated to be as high as \$76,000.

A clerk in the firm stated this morning that during the past three weeks the firm lost \$55,000. The fight between Lawson and Standard Oil is said to be responsible for the failure.

LAWSON MADE MONEY.

(Journal Special Service.)

Rockefeller's Brother Says Bostonian Is Too Shrewd to Be Caught. Cleveland, O., Dec. 27.—Frank Rockefeller, brother of John D., says it is his guess that Thomas W. Lawson has made more money in the last few days than he ever did before. Mr. Rockefeller says he is sure Lawson is too shrewd to get caught short of the market, as reports say he has been.

NOT EVEN A RIPPLE.

(Journal Special Service.)

Business Not Affected by the gyrations of the speculators. Chicago, Dec. 27.—How little the people have come to regard the manipulations of speculators and how plainly the wires that juggle figures in the stock market are seen by the people at large is indicated by the fact that in the solidness of business the frantic gyrations of the New York speculators during the last few days have caused not even a ripple. The current of trade flows on serenely with its surface unrippled.

Not so many years ago such news as that of today would have had a serious effect, but people have come to see how much of wind and paper there is in all speculative enterprises and those who deal not in futures nor look upon the tape while it is wet have learned that there is nothing to be feared, whatever the ticker says, except by those who are ensnared in the folds of its tape.

THE GREATEST CLOTHING HOUSE IN THE NORTHWEST JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE Men's, Youths' and Children's Suits and Overcoats, Hats, Caps and general Furnishing Goods—every article in our establishment, except contract and agency goods, greatly reduced. Our reductions have been made with a determination to dispose of ALL of our fall and winter goods IN EVERY DEPARTMENT. The original cost has not been considered. We offer the greatest stock of new and seasonable merchandise to choose from—every garment and every article is fully guaranteed. We offer the Greatest Stock of New and Seasonable Merchandise to choose from. Every garment and every article is fully guaranteed. A. P. Steinbach & Co.

The Message of the Wabe Circle Make Sunshine Bread and biscuit, crullers and doughnuts, muffins and waffles, and pie-crust too. Make them pure and healthful, light and sunny and good for you, with KC Baking Powder If you've never tried it you'll marvel at its magic touch and be sorry you waited so long. Delay no longer! Get it as fast as you can, and give the family such a treat as they've never had. 25 ounces for 25 cents—one third what you've paid for inferior powders. Costs you nothing, if you're not pleased with your bargain. Send a postal for "Book of Presents." All Grocers Jaques Mfg. Co., Chicago.

Wednesday, December 27th SOLD ONLY BY US The MONROE THE NEW \$3.00 Hat M. SICHEL Introducing Designer of Stylish Hats 288 Washington St., Bet. 4th & 5th

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JAMES LOCAN ILL

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His duties took him over the state considerably and during his official travels he gained many friends. He is of genial disposition, was quick to do favors, and possessed perhaps as much personal magnetism as any man who ever led political forces in this state.

Fifteen years ago he served as federal collector of customs and at the end of his term retired from active part in public affairs.

Mr. Lotan has lived here for more than 40 years; New York was his native state.

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TOY TOY SALE ONLY ONE WEEK MORE Entire stock of Toys must go. The largest toy store on the ground floor in the city. (Branch at 109 Sixth St., between Washington and Stark.) Also Japanese and Chinese Curios, consisting of fine bronze, silver, cloisonne, new brass satsuma ware, decorated tea sets, embroidered kimonos, matting, etc. LOWEST PRICES IN THE CITY ANDREW KAN & CO. 287 MORRISON STREET. Boston With a Bottle. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Eugene, Or., Dec. 27.—Late yesterday afternoon Walter Eby and William Monroe quarreled while drinking in a saloon. Eby was struck on the head with a beer bottle in Monroe's hands. He is critically ill. Monroe was arrested. Twenty-One Indicted. (Journal Special Service.) Cincinnati, Dec. 27.—Twenty-one local dealers were indicted today for violation of the excise law.