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# PROPHETS PICKING

President Taft's Adherents Assert That Chief Executive Will Get Eight and Possibly Twelve District Delegates.

WILSON ONLY DEMOCRAT COMING BEFORE VOTERS

Leaders of Machine, However, Are Up to Oppose Governor at Any Cost.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Newark, N. J. May 28 - With political prophets freely predicting that Colone Roosevelt will defeat President Taft in the preference primary vote and that the New Jersey delgation to Chimago will be divided, the polls opened here today at 1 o'clock Polling will continue until 9 o'clock tonight.
President Taft's adherents assert that

Taft will get 8, possibly 12, district delegates, while former Governor Murmy goes further than his friends and that als that the president will capture 20 district delegates and four delegates at

On the other hand, the Roosevelt men expect to capture the four delegates at large and at least 12 of the district delegates. It is not believed that La Follette will be a large factor in the elec-

On the Democratic side no name comes before the electors mave that of Governor Woodsow Wilson. There are, however, two sets of delegates being voted for in apposition to those pledged for Wilson They are the leaders of the derstood to be pledged to "anybody but

Perfect weather brought out a heavy early vote all over the state.

#### McHarg Opens Headquarters.

(Culted Free Lessed Wire). Chicago, May 28.—Ormsby McHarg, the New York lawyer who is to con duct all Roosevelt contests for delegates before the national Republican committee, today opened his headquar-ters here in the Congress hotel.

After a long conference with Roose-velt leaders, McHarg asserted that the bitterest contest before the convention would be that for the delegation from Washington state. He charges that former Secretary Ballinger, former Sen-ator John L. Wilson and others controlled the Washington state convention despite a 20 to 1 sentiment in the state against President Taft.

Medill McCormick announced this afternoon that all Roosevelt nationa delegates were invited to confer with the former president next Sunday at

#### Socialists Break Record.

(Special to The Journal.)
Washington, D. C., May 28.—For the fourth consecutive time Eugene V. Debs of Indiana, is the Socialist candidate for president of the United States. In again nominating Mr. Debs the Socialist party has broken the record, as no other political party has ever nominated the same man for president four In 1900 Mr. Debs polled \$8,000 votes; in 1904 his supporters numbered 402,000, and four years ago he re-ceived 480,000. The party leaders predict that the Socialist vote next November will be close to the 2,000,000

### Lomberman to Pe Candidate.

(Special to The Jagrani.)
Eay City, Mich., May 28.—It is reported that E. B. Foss, a wealthy lumberman and mine owner of Bay City will be a candidate for the seat of Uni-ted States Senator William Alden Smith, of Michigan.

### **WILSON MEN CONTROL** THE STATE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION IN TEXAS

New Jerseyan Has Half of the Votes With Harmon Second and Clark Third.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Houston, Texas, May 28.—Woodrow
Wilson men are in complete control of the Democratic state convention which met here at noon today. It was predicted that the New Jersey governor will get at least 32 district delegates and eight delegates at large. / There are 623 votes in the convention,

of which Wilson controls considerably more than half, with Judson Harmon Exceed and Champ Clark third.
The success of the Wilson ticket is

considered a blow politically to Senator picked up at Donald, Or., last evening Joseph W. Bailey, who stumped the by F. D. McCullough and O. A. Moshagainst Wilson's candidacy, United States Senator Culberson will head the Wilson delegates at large.

### Roosevelt Men in Control.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Fort Worth, Texas, May 28.—With the Roosevelt people in complete control, the Taft delegates to the Republican state convention, which met here today, bolted and announced that they would send contesting delegates to Chicago. Although Roosevelt swept the state in the recent county primaries, it was expected that an uninstructed delega-tion would neutralize the former president's supremacy to a certain extent and a hot fight was looked for.

men immediately left the hall.



Assessed Too Much Benefits and Too Little Damages

Notice of appeal was filed today in the city auditor's office from the report of the viewers on the proposed street from Burnside to Hoyt. The appellants are the heirs of the Labbe estate, Frederick Sasscer and others.

City Attorney Frank S. Grant has also been served with notice of the appeal, and he will urge the circuit court to review the case at the earliest possi-ble date and that the important improvement may not be delayed any longer than can be helped.

The ground for the appeal is that the viewers assessed too much benefits against the property and too little damages. In the case of the Sasscers the excess of benefits over damages, as as fixed by the viewers, is \$1750.

The total amount of damages and benefits assessed for the widening of the street was \$269,000. The council on May 8 passed an ordinance adopting the report of the viewers and Mayor Rushlight signed the measure May 10.

### PORTLAND RUNAWAYS CAUGHT AT WOODBURN

(Special to T e Journal.) Woodburn, Or., May 28.—Harold Edwards, age 12, and John Ogilvie, age 15, who left their homes in Portland recently, after S. M. Ogilvie, father of one of the boys, had discovered a package of silverware in the woodshed, stolen from the home of T. G. Davidson at 69 East Fifty-Seventh street, were berger, brought to this city and turned over to the local authorities.

The Portland police were notified and the boys returned to Portland today. The boys have the appearance of hav-ing traveled considerably. They obtained a dollar from a merchant at Donald by passing a forged order for that amount and were not im the least chagrined at their arrest. The Edwards boy's home is at 1498 East Flanders street, and he is son of George G. Edwards.

"Bully," Says Roosevelt.

New York, May 28. — "Bully!" ex-delaimed Colonel Roosevelt at his desk Soon after the convention opened, however, it developed that the majority of the uninstructed delegates favored Roosevelt's candidacy, and the Taft onel declared he would get every one of the 28 New Jersey delegates.

# THE RUNNING TIME OF FAST MAIL ON O.-W.

WHICH WAY WILL THE CAT JUMP?

Schedule Is Not Beneficial. However, Says Merrick.

Running time of the west bound fast mail No. 9 will be cut half an hour and the train brought into Portland at 6:30 widening and extension of Seventh a. m. instead of 7 o'clock, if the arrangement will aid in the early delivery rule in Cuba, government officials here tonnage of the vessels, which included of the eastern letter mail to Portland's today declared that they were doing business men, according to J. P. O'Brien, everything in their power to uphoid vice president and general manager of President Gomez. They state the belief the O.-W. R. & N. today.

In the opinion of Postmaster C. B. Merrick, the proposed change in schedule would be in no wise beneficial, and burned a coffce plantation owned by a it would not tend to end the delay in German citizen 10 miles west of Santithe distribution of the castern mail, ago. The owner complained to the Ger-which prominent retailers and whole-man consul at Santiago, who complained salers in the city declare is proving to Berlin. It is feared that other sim-costly to them from the standpoint of ilar occurrences will necessitate intertime, money and business.
"If the mall arrived here at 6 o'clock

as the business men are demanding," said Mr. Merrick, "it would be possible (Continued on Page Three.)

# DESIRES AMERICAN RULE IN ISLE OF CUBA

Appellants Hold That Viewers Proposed Change in No. 9's Government Officials Assert They Are Doing Everything to Assist President Gomez.

> (United Press Lessed Wire.) Washington, .May 28 .- Denying that the big financiers and business men that the precautionary measures in sending United States warships to the It is reported that negro rebels burned a coffee plantation owned by a vention by the United States,

Havana, May 28 .- With flat orders to show the negro revolutionists no (Continued on Page Two.)

Women and Children Trampled to Death When Panic Rages in Burning Moving Picture Playhouse.

SPECTATORS IN FRENZIED STRUGGLE FOR ESCAPE

Death List Undoubtedly Been Larger Had Not Cooler Ones Opened Windows.

Madrid, May 28 - Knocked down and rampled by a frenzied gathering seeking escape, 103 persons, mostly women and children met death in a fire in a moving picture house at Villareal, in the province of Castellan, according to advices received here today.

A search of the ruins today revealed 83 corpses piled in the main entrance to the theatre, and it is feared that the eath list of 103 will be increased.

Doors of Theatre Swing Inward. The fact that the doors to the playuse swung inward is responsible in a arge measure for the death list. At the first alarm the spectators, panicatricken, rushed to the exits. Their progress was blocked by the inward swinging doors, and, hemmed in, men and women struggled in a mad fight for life. The weaker women and children were knocked down and trampled upon and scores met death in this way. The fire started from a spark which ignited a celluloid film and spread with lightning rapidity. Before the audience ould leave their seats the theatre was in flames. The death list undoubtedly cooler heads opened windows, scores es-caping in this manner.

Parallel to Quaker Catastrophe. In many ways the Villareal holocauat s a direct parallel to the catastrophe at Boyerstown, Pa., January 13, 1908, when more than 200 persons met death.
As at Villareal, the theatre doors swung inward and in the fight to excape scores of women and children were trampled to death. A film of the picture machine at Buyerstown also caught fire from a spark.

## SHIPS IN PORT HAVE A CARRYING CAPACITY OF OVER 40,000 TONS

Big Fleet of Coasters and Offshore Vessels Fill the Local Harbor; Names of Carriers.

With the arrival from the sea of ves sels having an aggregate carrying capacity of more than 40,000 tons during the Merchants Exchange reports an ocof the United States want American to the shippers of this port. The total both coasters and offshore carriers, was 20,607 tons net register. Of this the offshore tonnage amounted to 11,282 tons net. The vessels arriving are as follows: American steamers Nehalem, 267 tons; Tamalpais, 422 tons; North-land, 560 tons; Rose City, 2154 tons; Roanoke, 1654 tons; Olympic, 454 tons; Jim Butler, 343 tons, Daisy Freeman, 426 tons; Sue H. Elmore, 131 tons; Fendering secenes upon the night of an-Breakwater, 793 tons; Anvil, 276 tons; guish and woe on which the Titanic American schooners King Cyrus, 630 sank give us faith and lead us to the tons; H. K. Hall, 1105 tons; British ship Segura, 1700 tons; Norwegian steamer

Investigators Report on Titanic INWARD TRAP 103 500 Lives "Needlessly Lost" IN THEATRE BLAZE Captain of Californian Blamed





enator William Alden Smith and ac Captain Stanley Lord of the Cal-

### TITANIC DISASTER ONE LESSON TO AWAKEN THE COUNTRY TO GREED

the 48 hour period ending Monday night. Senator Rayner Says We Are realty expressed, old love renewed, and Today to Great Extent De-

> (United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, May 28 .- "The sooner we awaken to a realizing sense of our responsibility, the better it will be for the elevation of the country—we are going mad with the lust of wealth and of power and ambition. May the heart rendering secenes upon the night of anguish and woe on which the Titanic

Dollar, 2713 tons, and the Japanese steamer Mandasan Maru, 3245 tons net. on the Titanic disaster. The Maryland senator, one of the most forceful speakers in the upper house, swayed his audience with his burning oratory.
"What this nation needs are some

severe lessons that will strengthen the pillars and the altars of its faith," he declared. "We are to a great extent today defying the ordinances of God. We are separating society into castes, with fabulous fortunes upon the one side and destitution and poverty on the other. It takes a terrible warning to bring us back to our moorings and our pass it by with stoical indifference until the next disaster and in the mean-time let the carnival go on. But may strong. the heart-rending scenes upon that night of anguish and wee give us faith and lead us back to the alters of our fore-Senator Rayner pictured in eloquent

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# ALL COULD HAVE VESSEL ASSISTED

No Word of Criticism of J. Bruce Ismay; Rostron, Master of Carpathia, Warmly Praised.

(Datted Press Leased Wife, 5 Washington, May 78.—Teeming with eloquence, combining praise for heroism and scathing rebuke for negligence and cowardice of the most appalling marine disaster of history, was the final and official requiem today in the senate for the victims of the Titanic. Senator Smith of Michigan, chairman of the senate investigating committee, summed up his views of the evidence developed.

That every soul aboard the giant steamship might have been saved, but for the indifference-almost criminal neglect-of Captain Stanley Lord and the other officers of the Californian was the most startling charge Smith 500 Reedlessly Sacrificed.

"Needless sacrifice" of at least 500 lives because the "strangely insuffi-cient number of lifeboats" were not filled was also charged.

"Obsoletoe and antiquated shipping laws" and "laxity of regulation and hasty inspection" by the British board of trade were denounced by Smith. As a contributory cause he named the in-difference of Captain Smith of the Ti-tanic, for ignoring the warsing and forcing the Titanic full speed through the northern waters. That Captain Smith had expatiated his offense by a heroic death was Smith's tribute to the dead commander.

Lack of Discipline Arraigned.

Lack of discipline among the crew and cowardice of some of its members, indicated after the crass, was scathingly scraigned. To the two Titanic wireless operators, Philips and Basis the senator paid a glowing tribute. Hi lauded Captain Rostron of the rescue

Not a word of criticism for J. Bruce Ismay, managing director of the steam-ship company, was uttered by the Michigan senator, but he caustically criticised the White Star Line for the aster, received, he said, 16 hours before it was reluctantly divulged.

In eloquent terms the chairman de-picted the folly of sending out the greatest ship affoat without sufficient tests, a strange craw and he drills or discipline. The Titanic, he said, was following the proper course, although one known to be dangerous at that season, but the speed was gradually and continually increased until the maximum was the death blow.

Survivors Are Rebuked. Rebuke for those in half filled life-

boats who stood by and refused aid to struggling drowning swimmers until "all the noise had ceased," was voiced. "Upon that broken hull," the senator concluded, "new yows were taken, new those who had been devoted in life went fying Ordinances of Maker, we must feel ourselves more intimately related to the sea than ever before, and henceforth it will send back to us on its rising tide the cheering salutations

from those we have lost."
At the conclusion of his speech Senstor Smith offered a resolution authorizing the president to have a medal struck containing \$1000 in gold to be presented to Captain Rostron of the Carpathia. The resolution expressed the thanks of congress to Captain Restron, carrying with it the privilege of (Continued on Page Fifteen.)

# FIVE ELK AT HOQUIAM TRAIN FOR CONVENTION

(Special to The Journal.)
Hoquiam, Wash, May 28.—Five full grown elk from the Olsen ranch, Lake Quiniault, arrived here today to be trained to city life prior to the Elks' senses. If this disaster teaches no les- carnival at Portland. The elk will be son or points no moral, then let us driven tandem and will lead the parade of Grays Harbor Elks, who will go to

The elk have been driven and all that is necessary is to have them accus-tomed to the city. They are as tame as cattle. While bringing the animals out they broke loose a number of times, returning home, this occurring ones when they were 20 miles from home.

### Spirit Stories That Puzzle Science

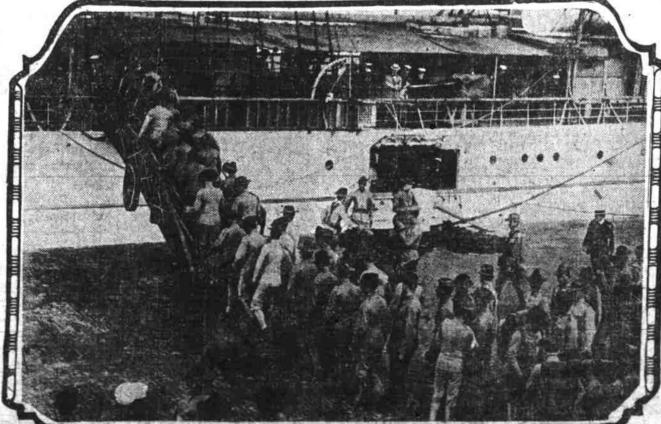
Has the late Frank R. Stockton, author of "The Lady or the Tiger," resumed his literary work through the mediumship of Miss Etta de Camp, a New York stenographer.

Miss de Camp avers he has; and investigation has convinced Dr. James H. Hyslop, eminent psychologist, that the stories penned by the woman's hand, are literally dictated by the dead author.

"A Saturday Night Off," one of Stockton's post-mortem stories, is reproduced in The Journal Magazine for next Sunday, together with an explanation of this remarkable psychic phenomenon.

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UNITED STATES MARINES EMBARKING AT PHILADELPHIA FOR GUANTANAMO, CUBA



Naval transport Prairie at League Island Navy yard, loading fighting men to protect property of Americans