

TELEGRAM'S SHAM VOTE

Uncovers the Plans of the Politicians of the "Ring."

WORKINGMEN WANT A LABOR BUREAU.

Vote Conducted and Canvassed by Portland Paper no Criticism if the Vote Was Called for through Proper Channels Over 90 Percent of the Union Men Would Accept It.

City, Jan. 2.—(To the Editor) Within the past month the Telegram has instituted, and canvassed the result of the labor vote of the labor unions of Oregon, on canvas for labor commissioner.

First place, this is a move on the part of politicians to kill the progress of a labor bureau. This impropriety has been conducted in such a manner and by such methods as to bring into disrepute the authenticity of the vote.

of a political job in its very nature to the workingmen. The Telegram, through the labor bureau, are to defeat the worthy and much needed labor bureau by conducting a canvass of the laboring men of the state, and then parading the result before the public, as evidence that the workingmen do not want a bureau.

Not a Fair Trial. The result of that canvass was not an expression from labor. Not one in five paid any attention to the move, for the very reason that agitators are opposed to organization and are trying to make organized labor kill itself by its own hand. A true canvass of this question, conducted by the organizations themselves, will show 90 per cent of the men in this state, in favor of a labor bureau. But they decline to do so.

Unions in Politics. Another point that is emphasized in the Telegram in its "wide" canvass is the fact that the unions are to express an opinion that will openly launch them into politics.

is one way the politician has of feeling the pulse of labor in Oregon. They are hiding behind a cover-up investigation conducted by the Telegram, to make sure of the way the political wind is blowing. It is the politicians and not the Telegram who are back of this movement, and who have shown their knowledge of this fact by refusing to send their votes.

of Organized Labor. The activity of organized labor in the past two years in Oregon has been the old political ring to which way the road would lead. The strong influence which bears on elections in Multnomah county, in which the entire faction was overthrown in 1900, caused the politicians to recognize the power of the people when for the common good. Since the election, a thousand wily politicians have planned to get a hint of the future intentions of the labor forces, and this little bit of diplomacy on the part of the politicians is another link in the chain of frantic effort to locate the labor vote. Of course Oregon has a labor bureau. She must keep up with the progress of the country and the great internal development that is going on, in spite of the politicians. The legislature should get at any hurried conclusions, and a true expression of public opinion that is wider than the narrow report that is being made public.

Yours respectfully,
A QUARTZ MINER.

Alpha Kappa Kappa Meeting. Chicago, Jan. 2.—The Alpha Kappa Kappa medical fraternity began its annual convention in Chicago with delegates present from various states.

Dr. George Cook, of the Chapter, is the presiding officer. The meeting will last two days, including tomorrow evening with annual fraternal banquet.

TO DEFEAT ADDICKS.

Democrats and Republicans to Combine in the Delaware Legislature.

Dover, Del., Jan. 2.—The political pot in Delaware is beginning to boil furiously with the approach of the contest which will be waged in the legislature over the election of two United States senators. Possibility that the eight regular republicans who hold the balance of power between the democrats and the Addicks republicans will make a combination with either side has set all the politicians to figuring.

Indication of the attitude of the regulars will be given next Monday night, when three caucuses will be held here to prepare for the organization of the legislature next day. It is understood that the democrats will also plan whereby the democrats will nominate their own officers, but will also appoint a committee to secretly meet the regular republicans to agree to some plan whereby the democrats will aid the regulars in the organization of both houses, putting regulars in every office, to the complete defeat of the Addicks followers.

It is believed that the union republicans, who are determined to vote for J. Edward Addicks for United States senator for both of the present vacancies until he is elected to one, will also confer with the regulars concerning organization. The senatorial caucuses of the three factions will be held Monday night, January 19. Then the candidates for the two vacant senatorships will be nominated.

Retail Merchants Meet.

Lafayette, Ind., Jan. 2.—The annual meeting of the Indiana Retail Merchants' Association opened here today. Indianapolis, Evansville, South Bend, Terre Haute, Fort Wayne and other leading cities of the state are represented by large delegations. H. M. Cook, of Evansville, is the president of the association. The annual report of the secretary, Gottlieb Hitzman, of Fort Wayne, shows an increasing number of local organizations in the state, all generally in good condition. The convention will occupy itself with the discussion of legislative measures and other matters of general interest and importance to the retail trade.

TRANSCONTINENTAL SERVICE

MARCONI IS PREPARING TO EXTEND HIS SYSTEM.

Winnipeg to Be the Half-Way House of the Canadian System—Next Station Will Be in the Rockies.

Winnipeg, Jan. 2.—Marconi is preparing to install a wireless transcontinental service through Canada. Two of his experts passed through here yesterday on their way West to arrange for a series of tests in the Rockies. It is expected by the inventor that the diverse electrical currents in the rarified atmosphere of the high altitudes may interfere with the successful sending of his messages, and it is to satisfy himself that the tests are made in the winter when the conditions would be more unfavorable. Winnipeg is to be the half-way house of the system. It is understood that a station will be located at Stony Mountain, an eminence 12 miles from Winnipeg. It will receive messages from Mount Royal, at Montreal, and it is the work of these experts to locate the next Western station in the Rockies.

113,000 DEATHS FROM CHOLERA.

Since American Occupation of Philippines That Many Have Died.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Advices from the Philippines say that the number of deaths from cholera has reached 113,000 since the American occupation.

Seven Soldiers Die.

A cablegram from General Davis announces the death of seven enlisted men from cholera in the latter half of December.

Contract Laborers.

Roseburg, Ore., Jan. 2.—Forty-five Greeks arrived in this city Wednesday from Hornbrook to work as railroad laborers for the Southern Pacific Company in the yards in this city. None of the Greeks can speak plain English, as none of them has been in this country more than six months. All claim they were contracted with in Greece to come to this country and work.

To Fight Jeffries.

Butte, Mont., Jan. 2.—Monroe, the miner who made a showing against Jeffries, proposes to get the championship. Tommy Ryan has been engaged to train Monroe for a battle with Jeffries.

ALL AMERICA WANTS CANAL

Longest Session of Cabinet This Winter Discusses the Panama Canal.

WILL PROCEED UNDER RIGHT OF PANAMA COMPANY.

Possession Will Force Colombia to Make All Needful Concessions—Senators Spooner and Lodge Consulted by President.

Washington, Jan. 2.—One subject discussed at the meeting of the cabinet today was the feasibility of the procedure by the United States with the construction of the Isthmian canal under the rights derived from the Panama Canal Company. The proposition is that this country go ahead with the work and when Colombia is ready to treat with us to do so.

This, said the commission of the Panama company, all America desires at present and the possession will force Colombia to make all concessions needful. The session was the longest held this winter. Spooner and Lodge, of the foreign relations committee of the senate, were called in consultation with the president before the meeting.

SIX MINERS KILLED.

Terrible Explosion in Oak Hill Colliery This Morning.

Pottsville, Pa., Jan. 2.—An explosion occurred at Oak Hill colliery this morning. Six miners were killed and 20 seriously burned.

Later—Only Three Killed.

In the colliery accident this morning only three were killed. The force of the explosion was terrific. One hundred pounds was discharged at the mouth of the shaft, where a miner was taking a few sticks from a dynamite case. It is supposed that he dropped one.

TO CONTINUE MANEUVERS.

Dewey Reassembles His Combined Squadron at Culebra.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Dewey wired the navy department today from San Juan saying that the combined squadron had reassembled at Culebra and was continuing the tactical exercises. The marine torpedo flotilla is engaged in a special drill including night attacks. One coal passer was drowned in the sinking of the Newark's steam cutter by collision with a torpedo boat.

DIAMONDS STOLEN.

Jeweler Failed to Put a Tray in the Safe.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 2.—Hermann, a jeweler, failed to put a tray of diamonds in his safe last night. Burglars broke open the store and carried them off. A policeman, seeing the window apparently undisturbed, passed several times without discovering the theft. They were valued at \$4000.

RAILS SPREAD.

Wrecking the Livermore Train on the Southern Pacific—Engineer Fatally Hurt.

Oakland, Jan. 2.—The Livermore train was wrecked this morning, injuring several passengers and probably fatally hurting Engineer Selvaugh, Fireman Swinson and Mrs. Mary Black, of San Francisco were among the injured. The rails spread.

SECRETARY HAY PROTESTS.

Objects to Messmer Being Bishop of Manila Because of His Firebrand Speech.

Rome, Jan. 2.—Secretary Hay has written the vatican protesting against making Mgr. Messmer, of Green Bay, Wis., bishop of Manila, because of the firebrand speech Messmer made recently before the Catholic Truth Federation.

Archbishop of Canterbury.

London, Jan. 2.—The News says that Rt. Rev. Boyd Carpenter, bishop of Ripon, will be made archbishop of Canterbury to succeed the late Rev. Temple.

BOILER MAKERS MEET HARRIMAN

Union Pacific Strikers Now in Conference With Officials in New York.

OTHER LABOR UNIONS ARE ALSO INTERESTED.

Critical Situation on the Union Pacific Drives the Company to Seek a Settlement—Engines Unfit for Service on Account of No Repairs.

New York, Jan. 2.—In pursuance of the invitation sent by President Harriman to the leaders of the striking Union Pacific boilermakers, to meet him in conference, President McNeil, of the International Boilermakers' Union, and President O'Connell, of the International Machinists' Union, arrived in this city today.

Other labor leaders interested in the strike situation on the Union Pacific are also here, and it is thought an early settlement will be reached, owing to the intolerable condition of traffic on the Union Pacific. The motive power is absolutely unfit for use. For six months no expert work has been done on boilers and engines on account of the strike. Poor workmen, boys, "scabs" and helpers have patched up defects until now the power situation is critical.

The Union Pacific has received intimation from the government that mail contracts would be cancelled if conditions do not immediately improve.

The boilermakers have had the undivided sympathy and support of all other railroad organizations and they can hold out all winter if necessary.

Winter has added to the seriousness of the situation as snow blockades and further delayed mail trains.

The boilermakers ask for recognition of their union and straight daily pay, instead of piece work.

Engines from the Omaha division have been repeatedly transferred to the North Platte and Cheyenne divisions, in the effort to keep traffic moving.

STRIKE STOPS FUNERALS.

Carriage Drivers of Rochester Go Out at Time When It Hurts Employers.

New York, Jan. 2.—Owing to a strike of the carriage drivers of Rochester, N. Y., nearly all persons who attended the numerous receptions and other entertainments given in that city on New Year's eve were obliged to walk. Anticipating violence, the police reserves were ordered out early. A few carriages were permitted to take fares without interference. Several funerals must be postponed on account of the strike.

ST. DAVID LOST.

Steamer Maru Reports Speaking With Ship After Passing Through a Typhoon.

San Francisco, Jan. 2.—The steamer Maru reports speaking with the ship St. David, dismasted after passing through a typhoon. The Maru took off a sick sailor and gave the vessel provisions. The St. David was disabled, but the captain said he would make Yokohama. The vessel has not yet reached there and is believed to be lost. She was en route from Manila to Seattle.

AWFUL MINE ACCIDENT.

City of Olyphant in Danger of a Large Conflagration—Rumor That 100 Miners Were Buried by a Cave-in.

Scranton, Pa., Jan. 2.—A mine cave-in occurred at Olyphant this afternoon, carrying a large hotel down. Stoves were overturned in the debris, starting a fire, and several adjoining buildings are burning.

The water mains were destroyed and there is danger of a large conflagration. There is an unconfirmed rumor of a hundred miners being buried. The mine is still caving.

Will Visit Russia.

Berlin, Jan. 2.—Crown Prince Wilhelm will visit at St. Petersburg the middle of January in answer to an invitation from the czar, sent several weeks ago.

GRAIN MARKETS.

Quotations Furnished by the Coo Commission Company—L. C. Major Local Manager, Room 4, Association Block.

Chicago, Jan. 2.—		
Wheat—	Opened.	Closed.
May	76 1/2	75 1/2
July	73 1/2	72 1/2 @ %
Corn—		
May	43 @ 1/2	42 1/2
July	42 1/2	42 1/2
Oats—		
May	33 1/2	33 1/2
Pork—		
May	1775	1785
Minneapolis, Jan. 2.—		
Wheat—	Opened.	Closed.
July	75	74 1/2
May	74 1/2 @ %	74 @ 1/2
New York, Jan. 2.—		
Wheat—	Opened.	Closed.
May	80 1/2	79 1/2
July	78	77 1/2

Wheat in Chicago.

Chicago, Jan. 2.—Wheat—61 1/2 @ 65 cents per bushel.

Wheat in San Francisco.

San Francisco, Jan. 2.—Wheat—\$1.35 per cental.

FEZ BEING STRENGTHENED.

Pretender Issues a Proclamation—Wants the Throne for His Brother, Who is Now in Prison.

Tangier, Jan. 2.—Word received here this afternoon from Fez says that the sultan still controls 15,000 troops, being a somewhat larger force than that of the pretender. The walls of Fez are being strengthened, and the rebels are running short of supplies. They have as yet shown no signs of attacking the city.

The pretender has issued a proclamation in which he says he does not want to occupy the throne himself, but is fighting in the interests of his brother, the present sultan, who has been imprisoned since his abortive attempt to gain the throne last spring.

Fifty Fishermen Drowned.

Riga, Russia, Jan. 2.—Fifty fishermen were drowned in a terrific storm which swept the gulf of Riga today.

HE ASKS TO BE SENT BACK

ESCAPED CONVICT WANTS TO SERVE OUT HIS TIME.

Says He Broke Prison to Find His Sweetheart, Who Was Broken-Hearted Because of His Disgrace.

Philadelphia, Jan. 2.—Frank Kellogg, an escaped convict from San Francisco, has surrendered to the police and asked to be sent back to serve out his time.

He fell in love and betrothed Mabel Quintin, of San Francisco, was afterwards arrested for burglary and sentenced to the penitentiary for 18 months. The girl, broken-hearted by the disgrace, came to New York.

Kellogg says he broke prison, because he could not live without the girl, followed her to New York, where he found she had gone to Philadelphia. Arriving here he found that she was married.

SCANDAL AT DURBAR.

Curzon's Expenses to Be Paid by the Government—Is Entertaining Many Guests Most Lavishly.

London, Jan. 2.—The persistent rumor of a scandal in connection with the Durbar, at Delhi, arise from the fact that Lord Curzon's expenses are to be paid by the government. He has more than a hundred guests, all being entertained in most lavish style.

TO BE PROSECUTED.

Illinois Will Get an Injunction Against Roads and Coal Dealers

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 2.—It is almost certain that a prosecution of the railways and coal dealers will follow State Attorney-General Hamlin's investigation of the coal famine, and exorbitant prices charged in Chicago. The first step will be an injunction, restraining the railroads from holding coal back from market.

Bernstein as a Wrestler.

New York, Jan. 2.—When Joe Bernstein and "Young Muldoon" meet in their wrestling match at Clarendon hall tonight, many hundreds of dollars will change hands on the result. The greatest of rivalry exists between the two little men and the bout will be as hotly contested as any fistic engagement Bernstein ever took part in. The two boys have trained faithfully and appear to be in the best of shape for the contest.

CABLEGRAMS FROM HAWAII

Honolulu People Celebrating the Completion of the Pacific Cable.

FIRST MESSAGE WAS FROM PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

Severe Storm Prevented an Earlier Completion—When Land End Was Completed Mrs. Hawes Repeated "Aloha"—Great Rejoicing in Honolulu.

Honolulu, Jan. 2.—(By Pacific Cable to Scripps News.)—People here are celebrating the completion of the Pacific cable. Severe storms prevented splicing the land end sooner. Messages from all parts of the world are being received.

When the land end of the cable was completed, Mrs. Hawes laid a "lei," or native wreath upon the end of the cable, repeating the Hawaiian greeting, "aloha." There is great rejoicing. The first message delivered was from President Roosevelt to Governor Dole.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Secretary Cortelyou this afternoon gave out the text of the correspondence over the new cable. The one to Roosevelt was signed by Dole's secretary, Henry Cooper, and closes by saying the Hawaiians believe that the cable will prove a strong factor in upbuilding a patriotic, progressive commonwealth of the islands.

President Roosevelt's answer, signed by Cortelyou, touches upon closer relationship by tying the two people together.

170,000 to Ask More Pay.

St. Louis, Jan. 2.—That the general movement of Western railroad employees for a wage advance is rapidly approaching a crisis is evidenced by the early arrival of many delegates to the national conference to be held here early in the coming week, at which committee reports will be received and acted upon. It is declared that the conference will represent fully 175,000 railroad employees and will be participated in by the national brotherhoods of the engineers, firemen, trainmen and conductors. It is the culmination of efforts which have been making for more than five years to induce the four big organizations to "get together" for their mutual benefit. While it is difficult to learn the exact nature of the reports to be submitted by the committees, it is said on good authority that the schedule which will probably be fixed upon will call for an advance of 12 per cent. The railroads are to be given one month to meet the demand.

Trust Company Merger.

New York, Jan. 1.—The merger of the Manufacturers' Trust Company, of Brooklyn into the Title Guarantee & Trust Company, was effected today pursuant to the action taken by the stockholders of the two concerns last month. For the purposes of the merger the stock of the Title Guarantee & Trust Company has been increased to \$4,375,000. The officers of the Manufacturers' Trust Company are retired, with the exception of President William J. Coombs, who becomes chairman of the board of trustees.

Irrigation was the foundation of the wealth of Egypt. It will also make Eastern Oregon one of the most prosperous sections of the United States.—Ex.

CRACKER CREEK FACTS

North Pole mine was offered for sale three years ago for \$600,000. It has 5000 feet on the mother lode. It is now worth twenty million dollars.

The South Pole mine adjoins, has 4941 feet on the same lode, has six tunnels, amounting to 2300 feet, all in ore. We expect within less than three years' work to have a mine as valuable as North Pole is today.

South Pole stock is selling at 16 cents until about January 1st. Buy before the price raises.

See Gahagan at Hartman Abstract office, Pendleton, Ore.