

WILL ELECT SCOTT

Governor Geer Gets 25 Votes Today, Nine Being From Multnomah.

COALITION EFFECTED AGAINST FULTON FORCES

The Week Ends Harvey W. Will Appear as Avowed Candidate and the Geer Forces Will Rally to His Support. Feb. 17.—The vote today, is follows: 33 25 15 6 11

GOVERNOR SIGNS BILLS

Or., Feb. 17.—Governor O'Connell yesterday signed Eddy's provide for the taxation and define the boundaries of Washington and Malheur's bill to produce measures, two of which have been in progress week to effect a coalition between the Geer forces and Multnomah delegation with a view to the senator. Before the week ends will appear as an avowed candidate.

MILL FLOODED

Workers of Monongahela Throw Men Out of Employment—Damage Done. Feb. 17.—Deweese Wood mill is flooded by the rising water of the Monongahela. Twenty men have been thrown out of employment. Thousands of dollars of damage has been done, and fine steel is ruined. The mill is still rising and other mills are closing within a few hours.

NOT LITTLE BOOTY

Howard Confesses to Robbery Burlington Express—Say They Only \$3.75. Mont., Feb. 17.—George Cole Howard confessed the robbery of the Burlington express and will plead guilty. It develops that the entire booty only \$3.75.

Mining Engineers Meet

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 17.—Members of the American Institute of Mining Engineers are gathered in Albany for the 22d annual meeting of the institute this week. The meeting will normally opened tonight with addresses of welcome and responses, followed by services commemorative of the late Abraham S. Hewitt of New York. Tomorrow will be spent in a general inspection to the plant of the General Electric Company at Albany, and the business sessions of the convention will begin today. The discussions and papers will center around the general subject of the application of electricity.

Indiana Hardware Men

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 17.—Five retail hardware dealers are meeting the annual meeting of their association, which opened today. The sessions are to continue until Friday, and will be interspersed with many features of entertainment. Many questions of interest will be discussed in the convention. In the relation of the manufacturer to the dealer will be discussed.

Blockade is Raised

Washington, Feb. 17.—The navy department received a dispatch from Manila today. Captain Diehl, of the USS Albatross, says the blockade has been raised and all war vessels withdrawn.

Garfield Gets a Place

Washington, Feb. 17.—President Roosevelt today sent the name of James R. Garfield to the senate to be a commissioner of corporations in the department of commerce and

WINDER SQUARES CASE

His Dollars Obtain for Him Immunity From Punishment for Assault on West Virginia Representative. Charleston, W. Va., Feb. 17.—After all the excitement here the past two days over the meeting of John H. Winder and Dan Hanna with W. G. Caldwell, of Wheeling, chairman of the house judiciary committee last Saturday morning, it was stated yesterday that "everything had been settled out of court," and that there would be no investigation of the local officials by the legislature, as had been stated. Winder and Hanna are said to have made statements to Caldwell that are satisfactory, and the latter also wants the matter dropped. The most unfortunate thing in the sensational affair was the use of the name of W. A. Clark, Jr., son of Senator Clark, when he was not here then or at any other time.

IDAHO NOT GENEROUS

Legislature to Meet Two Years Hence is Expected to Increase the Portland Appropriation. Boise, Idaho, Feb. 17.—A bill was introduced in the house yesterday appropriating \$35,000 for the Lewis and Clark exposition in Portland, and the St. Louis exposition. Five thousand of this is to be devoted to gathering exhibits for St. Louis. The remainder is to be equally divided between the two expositions. It is expected the legislature, two years hence, will increase the Portland appropriation.

Prohibition Issue in Mississippi

Jackson, Miss., Feb. 17.—Prohibition is to be a very live issue in the next state campaign, judging from the enthusiasm displayed at the state mass convention which began in Jackson today. Nearly every county in the state is represented, the delegates and visitors including many prominent prohibitionists and W. C. T. U. leaders. The convention will discuss plans for a vigorous campaign and also will memorialize the legislature to pass laws prohibiting the sale, manufacture, or importation of alcoholic liquors for beverage purposes.

NATURAL GAS EXHAUSTED

CITIES OF SOUTHERN OHIO SUFFERING FROM COLD. For Some Unknown Reason the Gas at Dayton and Surrounding Towns Failed Today—Ten Thousand People Suffer. Springfield, O., Feb. 17.—In Urbana, Dayton and several smaller cities the natural gas suddenly failed today, and 10,000 residents are suffering from severe cold.

MISSIONARIES OBJECT

They Are Shocked at the Idea That Americans Should Manufacture Idols for the Heathen. Philadelphia, Feb. 17.—Missionaries and ministers in this city are, it is said, shocked over the announced contract entered into by a Philadelphia firm to ship Buddhist idols to Corea. They denounce the plan as an outrage against religion and decency. Mrs. W. H. R. Corliss, a returned missionary from China, said she was appalled at the idea that people in a Christian country would consent to manufacture idols for pagan, unenlightened heathens to worship. Rev. Frederick Pool, also a returned missionary, said the affair showed the spirit of commercialism of the age and tended to put money making above religious decency. Bishop Cyrus D. Fosb, of the Methodist Episcopal church, said he did not think it as bad as the British sending opium to India or the United States sending beer and whisky to the Philippines or other colonial possessions.

LOOKING FOR CHRISTIE

Wealthy Victims of New York and Philadelphia Looking for Man Who Took Their Money for Timber Land in Oregon. Baker City, Feb. 17.—Miss Rose Shuman, a wealthy woman of New York, was here today looking for C. J. Christie, whom she says induced herself and a number of wealthy men and women of New York and Philadelphia to invest large sums of money in timber land in Oregon. He was supplied with all the money he required, and from the day he departed from New York until the present time, he has not been heard from. Miss Shuman is on his trail and proposes to locate him if possible. Christie agreed to supply his clients with 200,000 acres of timber land in upper Burnt River for \$4.50 and \$5 per acre. The contract was made last July. Christie was in Sumpter this fall, but no one knows where he is now. The deepest point encountered in laying the cable recently completed to Hawaii, was 18,000 feet, and it is directly from this depth that the island of Oahu rises. Between Hawaii and the Philippines, much greater depth will be encountered. At one place it is estimated to be more than 30,000 feet to the bottom.

PROTOCOL SIGNED

Secretary Hay and Minister Bowen Provide for Adjudication of American Claims. Washington, Feb. 17.—Hay and Bowen have signed a protocol providing for the adjudication of the claims of American citizens against Venezuela by a commission and setting aside of 30 per cent of the customs receipts at La Guayra and Puerto Cabello for the payment of all foreign claims in such manner as shall be determined at The Hague. The commissioners are to be appointed, one each by President Roosevelt, President Castro and Queen Wilhelmina after May 1. They are to meet at Caracas on or before June 1 and their labors are to be concluded within six months from that date. Each country will share jointly in the expense of the commission.

THREE COMMISSIONERS ARE TO BE APPOINTED

The Board of Adjudication Will Meet at Caracas June 1, and Conclude Their Work in Six Months. Washington, Feb. 17.—Hay and Bowen have signed a protocol providing for the adjudication of the claims of American citizens against Venezuela by a commission and setting aside of 30 per cent of the customs receipts at La Guayra and Puerto Cabello for the payment of all foreign claims in such manner as shall be determined at The Hague. The commissioners are to be appointed, one each by President Roosevelt, President Castro and Queen Wilhelmina after May 1. They are to meet at Caracas on or before June 1 and their labors are to be concluded within six months from that date. Each country will share jointly in the expense of the commission.

HOUSE SESSION

Littlefield Replies to Sulzer's Attack, Growing Out of the Anti-Trust Measure. Washington, Feb. 17.—Littlefield replied to the attack made on him by Sulzer, growing out of the anti-trust measure. He said the latter deliberately, premeditatedly and intentionally distorted the speech made by him. Sulzer arose, and replying, said Littlefield was neither fair, decent nor courteous. He said he was all puffed up with vanity and considered himself greater than Daniel Webster. Ship Subsidy Bill. Washington, Feb. 17.—The house committee on merchant marine has postponed the vote on the ship subsidy bill until Monday. The prospects for its passage are said to be very favorable.

DAY IN SENATE

Memorial Received From Porto Rico Asking for Rebate in Reciprocity. Washington, Feb. 17.—In the senate a memorial was read from Porto Ricans asking that the Cuban reciprocity treaty be amended to give coffee from that island entering Cuba the highest rebate. An Amalgamated Bill. Senator Hoar, from the judiciary committee, reported the anti-trust bill, which is an amalgamation of the Hoar and Littlefield measures, with a number of drastic amendments. To Exhaust Morgan. Washington, Feb. 17.—The republican senators held a caucus late this afternoon in the marble room to arrange a program to insure the ratification of the Panama treaty. They will probably agree to a continuous session of the senate until a vote is taken. By this means Morgan will be allowed to exhaust himself. If an agreement to this course is reached this afternoon the senate will remain in session all night tonight.

GARFIELD APPOINTED

To Investigate into the Conduct and Management of Corporations. President Roosevelt has appointed James R. Garfield, of Ohio, son of ex-President Garfield, as commissioner of corporations. Mr. Garfield has been a member of the civil service commission for some time past. The law provides that the commissioner shall have power to make, under the power of the secretary, "diligent investigation into the organization, conduct and management of the business of any corporation, joint stock company or corporate combination engaged in commerce among the several states and with foreign nations, except in the common carriers subject to an act to regulate commerce," approved February 4, 1887, and to gather such information and data as will enable the president to make recommendations for legislation for the regulation of such commerce, and to report such data to the president from time to time as he shall require." It also will be the duty of the commissioner of corporations to gather, compile and publish useful information concerning corporations doing business in the United States and engaged in interstate or foreign commerce including corporations engaged in insurance.

Inland Daily Press

Chicago, Feb. 17.—The Inland Daily Press Association began its sixteenth annual meeting at the Palmer House today with editors present from various parts of Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa and other states embraced by the association. A. W. Glessner, of Galena, Illinois, is the presiding officer and W. V. Tufford, of Clinton, Iowa, the secretary of the convention.

IMMENSE WEALTH

Bishop Spaulding Says it is Almost Certain to Degrade Possessor. New York, Feb. 17.—Addressing a gathering at Carnegie hall lately, under the auspices of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Bishop John L. Spaulding, of Peoria, Ill., who was prominently mentioned as a possible successor of the late Archbishop Corrihan, received great applause when he declared that great wealth is almost certain to degrade the possessor of it, and out of all the men who are known to reckon their possessions in the millions, he named only one—Andrew Carnegie—as a man able to rise above his surroundings. Bishop Spaulding admitted the great power of money and declared that it appeared to be almost the real form of power in our day, "giving the man who possessed it," he said, "a hold on things that neither intellectual power nor faith can give. It is the quality of a man's thought, by the things he yearns for that you must judge him," he said. "A man may have the wealth of Mr. Carnegie and still be a thief, an idiot and a brute. It is by how much greater a man is that are the things with which he has surrounded himself that he is to be judged. It is not what you have, but what you are."

Parr and McCormick

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 17.—The Ariel Athletic Club is to be the scene tonight of the first wrestling match held in Philadelphia for over a year. The match will be between Jack McCormick of this city, and Jim Parr, the champion of England. Under the terms of agreement Parr is to throw McCormick three times within an hour or forfeit the match.

Sullivan vs. Guider

Boston, Mass., Feb. 17.—At Cambridge tonight, Jack Sullivan, the welterweight champion of New England, is slated to engage in a 15-round bout with Jimmie Guider, the clever welterweight of New York. Sullivan is by long odds the best man at his weight in Boston and he and Guider are expected to put up a very fast fight.

BLIZZARD IN TEXAS

Fort Worth and Dallas Covered With Foot of Snow. Fort Worth, Tex., Feb. 17.—North Texas is experiencing the worst blizzard in seven years. The snow is a foot deep and continues to fall. The street car officials are making no effort to run cars. Trains are late. In Texas. Dallas, Tex., Feb. 17.—Street car traffic in this city is suspended, and business is at a standstill on account of the blizzard. The storm is unusually severe in the Panhandle country.

Ten Degrees Below Freezing

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 17.—Ten below. Great suffering this morning. Wires in all directions are down or in poor shape. Reports from the Northwest say the stock trains were caught out on the road between drifts and the cattle are freezing to death in the cars. Sheep are dying in transit in great numbers. There are meagre reports that two passenger trains are snowed in near Hutchinson, Kansas, or the Rock Island. It is ten degrees below the freezing point.

In Alabama

Mobile, Ala., Feb. 17.—The cold wave in the far South means almost certain destruction of the orange crop and injury to early fruit.

In New York

New York, Feb. 17.—The storm is increasing in intensity and now seems centralized in the New England states. Communication by telegraph and telephone is almost entirely cut off and trains are abandoned or late. The snow is still falling and the poor are suffering with the cold.

In Ohio

Columbus, O., Feb. 17.—The storm has increased. It is two below zero. Ohio is without any regular trains and but few wires are working. It is the worst blizzard of the winter.

In Missouri

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 17.—The present blizzard is the worst storm of the year. It is six below zero here.

At Washington

Washington, Feb. 17.—For several hours there was no communication by wire in any direction. A storm of sleet is raging.

River Raging

Cincinnati, O., Feb. 17.—The Ohio river will pass the danger line within a few hours. Merchants are removing their goods from the river front. Today is clear and cold.

Wheat in Chicago

Chicago, Feb. 17.—Wheat—77 1/4 @ 78 1/4 cents per bushel.

PARLIAMENT OPENS

Pageantry, Historic Dresses and the Revival of Ancient Forms Mark the Occasion. KING REJOICES AT ENDING OF VENEZUELAN BLOCKADE

In His Speech Refers to Alaskan Dispute and is Pleased With Terms of Treaty—Declares That Affairs are Progressing Nicely in South Africa.

London, Feb. 17.—King Edward opened parliament this afternoon with a ceremonial in all essential respects similar to that of the two preceding sessions of his reign. The procession to the house of lords was of the same character as that witnessed on the occasion of the opening of the session of last year, and within was seen the same state of pageantry, historic dresses and revival of ancient forms. The journey to Westminster was made in a gorgeous state coach, drawn by eight cream colored Flemish ponies, with footmen and outriders in scarlet livery. When the king and queen drove out from the courtyard in front of Buckingham palace, they were greeted enthusiastically by the multitude. His majesty appeared entirely recovered from his recent illness. With the two central figures so easily seen and so gorgeously clad, with the brilliant escort of Life Guards, whose bands kept constantly playing, the crowds seemed to feel rewarded for their long wait by a spectacle of considerable interest. The procession in the houses of parliament was strikingly picturesque. Pursuivants, heralds, gentlemen ushers, equerries and grooms in waiting led the way. Conspicuous positions were occupied by the prime minister, the lord chancellor and the lord high chamberlain in their robes of office. In the house of lords a brilliant assemblage awaited their appearance. The peers wore their robes, the judges of the high court their robes of scarlet and full bottom wigs. Behind the bishops were the diplomatic corps and the peeresses. After robing, King Edward and Queen Alexandra entered the house of lords and occupied their thrones, beneath a canopy, with other members of the royal family seated about them. The gentleman ushers of the Black Rod having summoned the speaker and the members of the house of commons; the king read the speech from the throne. The speech referred to the satisfactory status of the Venezuelan affair and to the work of Mr. Chamberlain in South Africa. Other topics touched upon were the expedition against the Mad Mullah and various questions of home interest. Referring to Great Britain's relations with foreign countries, the king said: "My relations with the other powers continue to be of a friendly character." The speech concluded with mentioning proposed legislation of solely domestic interest. The king and queen then retired, amid a fanfare of trumpets and attended by the same pageantry that accompanied their entry into the house. The king opened the parliament this afternoon at 1:30. The day was cold and clear. The crowd along the route was unusually small. The king in his speech referred to the Alaskan boundary dispute saying he was pleased by the terms of the treaty. He rejoiced at the withdrawal of the Venezuelan blockade. He said that the condition in the European provinces of Turkey gives cause for serious anxiety. I have used the best efforts to impress on the sultan the urgent need for practical reform. He regrets that negotiations are not concluded for the settlement of the Aden tribal boundary dispute. The co-operation of Italy in the Somaliland dispute, he is thankful to say, has been most cordial. The progress of affairs in South Africa are most satisfactory. Queer Farming Methods. "Strange are some of the farming methods of California," said Benjamin Mann, who recently returns from a visit to the Pacific Coast. "One day in the vine country I heard a tremendous bang, banging, and started from my seat, thinking that a dreadful explosion had occurred. But my host told me, with a laugh, that the men were merely plowing with dynamite. Then he went on to explain that when it was desired to loosen up the soil to a depth of three feet or so dynamite cartridges were set in the earth and fired off. They broke up the ground beautifully. They did the work much better, and much more cheaply, than any machine or other manual labor could do. And, in addition to this, they destroyed the parasite called the phylloxera, the bane of the vine-grower. No vineyard whose soil has been dynamited, my host said, ever suffered from the phylloxera afterward."

FIRE IN NATIONAL CAPITOL

CAUSED BY CROSSING OF ELECTRIC WIRES. Much Interest and Little Excitement Displayed—Damage is Practically Nothing. Washington, Feb. 17.—A few minutes after the house met at noon today fire was discovered by an employe of the public gallery in the northeast corridor of the hall in the house of representatives. It was under the floor and was caused by a crossed wire which had burned off its insulation. There were clouds of smoke. Much interest, but little excitement was displayed. The water brigade extinguished it. The damage is practically nothing.

HAYS TO APPEAL

Will Take His Case to the Supreme Court of the State—Was in the Penitentiary 12 Months for Adultery. Burns, Feb. 16.—George W. Hays, ex-register of the land office at Burns, who was sentenced to the penitentiary for 12 months on the charge of adultery and whose sentence was commuted at the end of 10 months, will appeal the case to the supreme court of the state. He has already ordered the transcript prepared by the clerk of the court at this place, and will immediately file the necessary papers to take the appeal. Mr. Hays claims that the evidence in the case did not sustain a conviction and that the transcript will show this, and he will go before the supreme court on this point. He says that the conviction was secured through prejudice and while he is now a free man and has all the rights as a citizen restored, that the reversal of the case would remove all stigma from his name. An action is pending to disarm him from the practice of law in this state and while he hopes to prevent the disbarment anyway, he thinks there would be no question of his being retained as a member of the state bar should the adultery case be reversed. The question will be an interesting one at least as to the legal proposition.

New Jersey Dog Show

Orange, N. J., Feb. 17.—Prize-winning dogs of all varieties fill the Orange Armory where the New Jersey Kennel Club opened its second annual bench show today. Many of the blue-ribbon dogs exhibited at the New York show last week are benched and altogether the exhibition is one of the best ever held in this part of the country. The show will continue through the remainder of the week.

Valuable Mail Pouch Found

Indianapolis, Feb. 17.—The mail pouch which local postal authorities claimed was stolen, which contained \$75,000 in commercial paper, was mysteriously found today among other pouches, its contents intact. An investigation is now being made.