

BOURNE STILL FOR ROOSEVELT

Reiterates Belief That Popular President Will Be the Nominee.

FULTON SAYS TAFT BUT KNOX HAS CHANCE.

Southland Sentiment Strong for Pennsylvanian Which May Help Him in the Struggle — Taft Has Too Many Favorite Sons in Opposition to Him—Public Opinion, Says Bourne, Will Stampede Convention for Teddy—Nebraska Action Causes Revival of Roosevelt Talk.

Salem, Ore., Feb. 17.—In a letter to the Capitol Journal, Senator Bourne again reiterated the belief that Roosevelt would be the republican nominee at Chicago.

Senator Fulton declared his belief that Taft would be the man, although sentiment in the south for Knox might land the prize for the Pennsylvanian.

Bourne said: "Taft will not be nominated. In my judgment Roosevelt will be nominated. Too many favorite sons are opposed to Taft, who is not popular in his own right. Public opinion will stampede the convention for Roosevelt."

Fulton said: "The Taft sentiment is growing in the east. It looks as if his nomination was certain. There is quite a sentiment for Knox in the south and he may be the nominee. Knox is a good man."

Roosevelt Talk Renewed.

Washington, Feb. 17.—The action of the republican county convention at Lincoln, Neb., in instructing its delegates to the state convention to work for Roosevelt's nomination, has caused a renewal of Roosevelt talk here.

Representative Hale of Tennessee, said today that if Roosevelt's name was presented at Chicago, it would cause such an explosion that pieces of other candidates could not be found.

RECORD LOAD OF WHEAT.

Second Largest Cargo of Grain Ever Shipped From Pacific Coast.

Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 17.—The second largest cargo of grain ever shipped from the Pacific coast in one vessel, and the largest from Tacoma, is being carried from Tacoma by the British steamer Indra, which has 3200 long tons, or 394,491 bushels of wheat. The Indra leaves for Molli and Singapore for orders.

The steamer was loaded in the remarkably short time of 32 working hours, which establishes another record for the port. The steamer arrived only last Saturday afternoon, and has been dispatched so quickly that she will not be able to await some passengers who were to join her here. The vessel would have taken 300 tons more, but is limited by the water load line.

BACK TO OLD PRICES.

Tacoma Hirsute Artists Display Flag of Truce and Resume Cut Rates.

Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 17.—The barbers' war is over, and prices for haircuts are back to the old rate of 35 cents. Things were lively for the last three days in the barber shops, and more men have good haircuts now than have been cropped at one time in all the history of Tacoma.

When the boss barbers finally got together they began comparing notes and found the war was ruinous. Everybody was getting haircuts and it promised to knock out the haircutting business for the next month at least. They hastened to sign a treaty, and an agreement was made to get back to the 35-cent mark.

MORSE WILL FIGHT.

Pleads Not Guilty and Arranges to Put Up Desperate Battle for Freedom.

New York, Feb. 17.—Charles W. Morse, the indicted ex-king and one time bank owner, is putting up a desperate battle for freedom.

Today he was arraigned in court, plead not guilty, through his attorney, Phillip Britt, and then demanded the minutes of the grand jury that indicted him.

Morse, it is said, hopes to stall off criminal charges and he will then be free to go to work and rehabilitate the concerns which suffered so in the crash.

Morse was released on bond and given until next Monday to prepare his motions.

STILL ANOTHER GUESS.

Filipino Junta Seizes Up a New Theory of Possible Extinction of Tokio.

Tokio, Feb. 17.—The Filipino junta at Tokio, claiming to be in touch with Japanese officialdom, continues to send to disaffected politicians in Manila, predictions of a Japanese invasion of the Philippines.

Undismayed by the fact that their prediction of the blowing up of the fleet in the straits did not materialize, the junta now declares the Japanese program is to await a division of the American naval strength and destroy the fleet in sections, if it attempts to return via Europe.

BLEW HIMSELF TO PIECES.

Edison's Secretary Uses Shotgun for Suicide—Wife Saved from Killing Herself.

Orange, N. J., Feb. 17.—J. E. Randolph, treasurer of the Edison phonograph works and private secretary for Edison committed suicide today in the cellar of his home. He literally blew himself to pieces with a shotgun. Edison, who had been called to Randolph's home, arrived just in time to save Mrs. Randolph from throwing herself from the window.

Hedekius on Chain Gang.

Toppenish, Wash., Feb. 17.—A strange sight greets the eye of the old time Indian as he comes riding into town these days. It is a half-dozen aborigines, who in all their lives were never known to do a day's work, but here they are, under the guidance of a big paleaman, cleaning up and burning the weeds on the vacant lots in Toppenish, repairing sidewalks and filling up chuckholes in the streets. This chain gang, for such it is, is the result of Mayor Grant's determination to put a stop to Indian drunkenness.

Struck by Baseball, Boy Dies.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 17.—Frank Lee, son of Joseph Lee, now in Alaska, died Saturday as a result of being struck on the head by a baseball. His death was due to concussion of the brain. The boy was 16 years old. He was playing ball in Woodland park Friday afternoon when he was accidentally hit on the head with the ball. In a few hours he was unconscious and had to be carried home. He never regained consciousness. The attending physician said that he suffered concussion of the brain.

May Not Send Troops to Fairbanks.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Unless the situation at Fairbanks, Alaska, takes a radical change for the worse within the next few days the troops ordered from Fort Gibbons will not be sent there. The troops will be held in readiness, however, for some time yet.

Friends to Hitchcock's Aid.

New York, Feb. 17.—Friends of Raymond Hitchcock, the comedian accused of enticing young girls into his home, have raised \$14,000 for his defense on condition that his attorneys show to their satisfaction that he is the victim of a foul conspiracy.

TURKO-RUSSIAN WAR IS IMMINENT

RUSSIA REINFORCES FRONTIER PORTS IN CAUCASUS

Mobilizing Troops at Batoum in Addition to Those Assembling at Odessa and Keif Indicates Serious Developments in Eastern Roubles—Military Road from Batoum to Turkey Closed to All Unless Traveler Has Special Military Orders.

Paris, Feb. 17.—News via London to the effect that Russia is mobilizing its Caucasus forces at Batoum, taken in connection with Saturday's report that Russia was assembling troops at Kief and Odessa, is taken here as indicating that very serious developments are pending in the Turko-Russian difficulties.

All the czar's frontier forts are being reinforced and the military road leading from Batoum to Turkey is closed to all unless a special military order is issued for the traveler.

Poured Boiling Water on Child.

Chicago, Feb. 17.—Michael Dewaal, aged 41 years, is under arrest charged with the murder of Joseph Devenick, the 3-year-old son of John Devenick.

Dewaal, who was a boarder at the Devenick home, quarreled with Mrs. Devenick, after which he seized the child and held it between his knees while he poured boiling water from a kettle over the child's head and down his back. The child died in a hospital.

Arguments in Ruff Case Resumed.

San Francisco, Feb. 17.—Arguments on the motion of the defense in the Ruff case to dismiss the indictment against the former boss, accusing him of the bribery of ex-Superintendent Jennings Phillips in the overhead trolley matter, were resumed today.

Nevada's Police Will Be Ready.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Senator Nixon today informed the president that the Nevada state police would be ready for work on March 7, the date set for the withdrawal of the federal troops.

Great Herd of Caribou.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 17.—A report from Dawson City states that the largest herd of Caribou ever seen in Alaska is now in that vicinity, estimated as to the number of animals ranging at from one to two millions.

Belles to Dance With Tars.

San Francisco, Feb. 17.—Thousands of San Francisco's society damsels will entertain the tars of the battleship fleet of Admiral Evans at a great ball to be given shortly after the arrival of the fleet in May.

Aged Couple Died Together.

Fort Worth, Tex., Feb. 17.—After living together 60 years, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Leggett, both past 80, were taken suddenly ill at the same time and died simultaneously, from natural causes, at their home in Keller, Tex.

A vote will be taken in congress on the Aldrich financial bill in two weeks.

NEW SOLUTION FOR THE RIDDLE

Underlying Cause of Pacific Fleet's Long Cruise Finally Figured Out.

TO AID IN PRESERVATION OF CHINA'S ENTITY

Will Enable United States to Emphatically Protest Against Japan's Aggressiveness in Manchuria—Position of United States in Regard to China Clearly Stated in Hay's Letter—Japan's Attitude Has Been One of Extreme Insolence in Manchurian Matters.

Washington, Feb. 17.—The preservation of the entity of China by being in a position to emphatically protest against any proposed Japanese aggressions in Manchuria, it is stated, is the real underlying cause of the Pacific fleets around the world journey.

Several months ago it was stated, rather obscurely, that the real significance of the fleet's tour was based on affairs within the flowery kingdom rather than any fear of the eventualities growing out of the immigration question with Japan.

As time goes on it is apparent that the immigration question will never become the basis for a crisis in the American-Japanese relations. Japan's almost avowed intention to make Manchuria her own, however, may soon give Baron Takahira, the new ambassador, plenty to do.

The position of the United States on this question is plain. The late Secretary Hay's famous note of July, 1900, settled the policy of America in relation to China for many years to come.

In a circular note he stated that the efforts of the United States would always be devoted to the solution of Chinese affairs which may bring about permanent peace and preserve the Chinese territorial and administrative entity and safeguard to all the world equal and impartial trade with all parts of the Chinese empire. This is still the attitude of the government.

Japan's increasingly arrogant attitude toward the empire and her apparent disregard for all treaty stipulations in relation to railroad, telegraph and trade and her refusal to reduce and retire the armed force in the province, if continued, may bring about a situation in which the presence of a large American fleet close at hand will do much towards strengthening our hands when the time of sharp protest arrives.

WHIPPED THE TEACHER.

Nettled Rancher Punishes Man Who Whipped His Younger Brother.

Firm in the belief that F. E. Hoskins, a school teacher at Deer Park, Wash., had "tanned" his young brother with unnecessary roughness, John Ward, a rancher, living near the town, was on his way to the office of a justice of the peace to seek legal redress when he met the pedagogue on the street and taking the law into his own hands, administered a severe drubbing to the instructor, for which he was fined \$10 and costs by Justice J. D. Hinkle yesterday, says the Spokesman Review.

"I am principal of a school at Deer Park," testified Hoskins. "I was walking along the street with Dr. McCoy when this man Ward, who was going in the opposite direction, suddenly made a wicked pass at me which I sidestepped. Just previous to his doing this I heard some one say, 'There he is.'"

RECALLS PORTAGE ROAD.

Spokane Paper Tells of Paul Mohr, Formerly of The Dalles.

Paul F. Mohr once one of Spokane's best known men, now a resident of San Francisco, has been traveling along the west coast with Sir Edgar Vincent of London, England, who is a multi-millionaire and one of the foremost financiers of Europe, says the Spokane Chronicle.

Mr. Mohr is the man who built the old portage road from The Dalles to Columbus, the strategic link in what is now the North Bank road.

It was the purchase of this line by the Northern Pacific that enabled that system to construct the North Bank road, says the Oregonian. Mr. Mohr also built Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern, which was also acquired by the Northern Pacific, and is now known as the Seattle & International.

Another line constructed by him in the Pacific northwest was the Spokane & Palouse, and his latest work has been the building of the Yosemite Valley road, which taps the Yosemite national park. This line he completed about two years ago.

Gold Studded Quartz.

An exhibit of nearly 100 pounds of quartz studded with gold, created quite a sensation in Greenhorn camp a day or so ago. The ore was brought into camp by a Mr. Clark, who has charge of the J. W. Fleagle mine near the well known Psyche property. In running a cross-cut the ledge was cut five feet and no wall struck. Ore from the ledge was simply lousy with gold and its extent is not yet known. Those who saw the samples say the find is something phenomenal.—Baker City Democrat.

'FRISCO PREPARES TO CLEAN OUT RATS

Greatest Campaign Against Rats and Vermin in History of City.

SEWERS TO BE REPAIRED AND GARBAGE LAW ENFORCED

City Aroused Over Reports That Have Been Sent Broadcast That Golden Gate City Is Plague Ridden—Hundred of Inspectors Hired and Crusade Will Be Aided by All Municipal Organizations—Dr. Blum Will Have Charge of the Work.

San Francisco, Feb. 17.—Aroused by reports that have been sent broadcast that the city of the Golden Gate was plague ridden, San Francisco has begun to fight for a general cleaning up which will be one of the greatest in the history of the city.

Municipal organizations of all kinds are to take part. Rats will be exterminated, sewers repaired and re-laid, where necessary, and a strict garbage ordinance will be enforced.

The work will be in charge of Dr. Rupert Blum, who was sent to this city to take charge of the fight against the bubonic plague.

The health committee of the citizens' league has authorized the employment of 200 additional inspectors for the residence districts, making a total of about 750 inspectors now employed in the city. Summary action will be taken against all who do not comply with the orders to clean up their premises.

TWO BIG ROBBERIES.

Thieves Enter Homes of Prominent Portland Residents.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 17.—The home of John Paulson, the well known lumber magnate, was entered late Saturday and robbed of several thousand dollars worth of jewelry.

The thieves then entered the home of Paul C. Bates, near the Paulsen home and secured almost a thousand dollars worth of jewelry there.

The robbery was kept a secret by the police until today.

But the Dog Came Back.

Oakland, Cal., Feb. 17.—A greyhound sent to Montana last December by Mike Ryan, an Oakland man, has returned to this city, having presumably walked a distance of 1500 miles.

QUEER GOLD MONEY.

Expert Counterfeits of \$5 and \$10 Pieces Found in Pullman.

A Pullman, Wash., item says: What are believed to be the most dangerous counterfeit of gold coins ever seen here have been discovered and are being investigated. Two of these coins were presented at the First National bank, and J. J. Rouse, the cashier, has taken them to Spokane for examination. One of the coins is a \$5 gold piece, bearing the date of 1901. It is of perfect workmanship and would deceive the most expert eye, but it is faulty in ring, being perfectly flat when thrown upon a hard surface, instead of ringing, as do the good coins.

The coin weighs exactly the same as the perfect coin, and would not yield to the acid test. It is believed to be heavily plated with gold, which accounts for it not showing base metal when tested with acids.

The other coin is a \$10 gold piece of almost perfect workmanship, color and every outward appearance of being genuine, but has a leaden ring when thrown upon a hard surface, and will not bound, as does a good coin. Experts who have seen the coins declare them to be the best counterfeits ever seen, if they are counterfeits, and if they are not, they lack of the true metallic ring can not be explained. Word comes from Palouse that a \$5 gold piece of the same "vintage" has been discovered there, but the Palouse coin is so light in weight and can be bent between the finger and thumb, and a Palouse banker bent it out of shape in this way. Bankers are anxious to have these coins investigated, for their apparent genuineness will deceive most any one.

BIG LAND DEAL CLOSED.

Realty Transaction at Yakima Represents \$300,000.

One of the largest deals ever consummated in this part of the state has just been closed, says the Yakima Republic. It involves a consideration of a little over \$300,000 and conveys the entire holdings of the Granger Land company to a new corporation composed of Calhoun, Denny & Ewing and allied financial interests of Seattle and Tacoma.

The property thus acquired includes all the realty consisting of town lots, acreage, buildings, mercantile establishments, fruit canneries, industrial enterprises and all personal property of the Granger Land company. The consolidation of these various interests makes probably the strongest aggregation of capital ever invested in Yakima valley lands under one management.

The townsites of Granger and Grandview are included in this big deal. This property for the past two years has been extensively advertised throughout the east as the Granger Basin country. In reality, however, it is the Sunnyside country.

LOSES FORTUNE IN TAXES.

Supreme Court Decision Causes Snohomish County Loss of \$80,000.

Everett, Feb. 18.—By the decision of the supreme court rendered in the Snohomish county tax case the county loses \$80,000 in tax receipts from the railroads.

The supreme court held that the action of the Snohomish county tax officials of 1906 in disregarding the orders and directions of the state tax commission in fixing the values on railroad properties was void and of no effect, thus reversing the Snohomish county superior court.

The decision hinges on that portion of the state tax commission law of 1905 which gives the commission general supervision over assessors and county board of equalization.

In 1906 the tax commission fixed the value of main line railroads at \$14,520 a mile, Snohomish and one or two more counties raised the valuation to \$25,000, and the Great Northern sued to restrain the county treasurer from collecting the tax.

LASSO INSANE VIOLINIST.

Artist Suddenly Loses Mind and Is Captured Only After Struggles.

Santa Barbara, Feb. 18.—Schumann Johnston, an accomplished violinist with a class of students here, but whose home is in Tacoma, Wash., went suddenly insane today while on a visit to Santa Barbara.

He ran down the road discarding his clothing and was not captured until he was lassoed by a couple of mounted vaqueros.

He was then shut up in a rickety calaboose but soon kicked down the door and escaped to the hills, where he was again captured by mounted men and brought to this city for medical care.

DEATH IN SCRAMBLED EGGS.

Cook Shoots Man Who Declares the Eggs Not Properly Prepared.

San Francisco, Feb. 18.—In a quarrel over the proper consistency of eggs when about to be scrambled, Jacob Grossman, foreman of a grading gang, was shot and killed by Larrie Taylor, a cook. The shooting took place at 6:30 this morning when Grossman declared he could not eat the eggs.

TAFT AND FORT MAY BE SLOGAN

NEW JERSEY'S REFORM GOVERNOR FOR TAIL OF TICKET

Republicans May Choose New Jersey Man for Taft's Running Mate—Guild of Massachusetts, Also Mentioned as a Possibility—Fort Made Nominating Speech for Vice President Hobart in 1896—Is 56 Years of Age and a Lawyer.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Governor Fort of New Jersey is being prominently mentioned for the tail end of the Taft ticket. "Taft and Fort" may be the republican slogan after the Chicago convention. Governor Guild, of Massachusetts, is another state executive who has many supporters for the position.

The recent fight for state reform in New Jersey has, for a time at least, turned the republican party organization from the hands of the old machine men to those of the Fort group. This has made Fort loom large in Taft circles.

In 1896 Fort made the nominating speech for Vice President Hobart. He is 56 years old and a lawyer.

MINERS RUSH TO ALASKA.

Spring Rush Opens to Klondike Gold Fields.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 18.—The spring rush to Alaska is now on and bids fair to rival in extent that to the Klondike regions a decade ago.

Indications are that 20,000 miners and prospectors will go to northern gold camps during the next few months. Prosperity and high wages reign in every mining camp in Alaska and the British Yukon. In addition the Morgan-Guggenheim-Haver-meyer interests are building the Trans-Alaskan railway up the Copper River valley to reach what Henry Bratnaber for years the London Exploration company's copper expert, declared is the greatest and richest copper district yet discovered anywhere.

New gold strikes are reliably reported from the outlying Klondike creeks and from the Stewart, White and Pelly rivers, Tanana, Koyukuk and Copper river districts.

TOO FREE WITH HIS PEN.

Author of "Bathsheba" and Editor of "Town Crier" Arrested in San Jose, Cal.

San Jose, Cal., Feb. 18.—William Fraser Herron, who won fame as a writer when he published his poem, "Bathsheba," in the Stanford University "Sequoia," of which he was editor last spring, and who was later suspended from the editorship, was arrested on a charge of criminal libel today by Emil P. Mayer, a baseball magnate.

Mayer declares Herron libeled him in an article in the "Town Crier," of which Herron is now the editor.

Gillette Denied New Trial.

New York, Feb. 18.—Crestor Gillette, the murderer of Grace Brown, whose body was found in Moose Lake, was denied a new trial today by the court of appeals.

WILL SPEED FLEET TO MAKE SCHEDULE

Evans Will Push Battleships to More Than Eleven Knots After Leaving Callao.

PLENTY OF COAL TO HOLD OUT ON FAST RUN

Hurry to Reach Magdalena Bay on Appointed Time, March 15th—Can Increase Speed and Have Coal to Spare—Target Practice at Magdalena—Fleet Sighted Off Callao 300 Miles—Dramatic Scene in House Over Mention of Cannon's Name for the Presidency.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Rear Admiral Evans, commander in chief of the United States Atlantic fleet, will increase the speed of the battleships to more than 11 knots after the fleet leaves Callao in order to reach Magdalena Bay March 14.

The 10 days' shore leave will not be reduced if possible to avoid it. The department officials believe that the fleet can easily increase the speed and have plenty of coal to spare when they reach Magdalena Bay.

Special inspectors will be with the fleet at Magdalena Bay to report on target practice. The time which the fleet will remain there has not been definitely settled.

Squadron Sighted Near Callao.

Lima, Peru, Feb. 18.—A wireless from Rear Admiral Evans' fleet at 9 o'clock says that the squadron is 300 miles from Callao.

Dramatic Speech in House.

Washington, Feb. 18.—In a dramatic speech today Congressman Boutell of Illinois, precipitated a remarkable demonstration in urging the nomination of "Uncle Joe" Cannon for the presidency.

It was the 24th anniversary of Cannon's first speech in the house and the occasion was taken advantage of by Boutell to recall the fact.

TOO MUCH DRINKING CAUSES RADICAL ACTION.

Arthur B. Clark, Former Prohibition Mayor of Mayfield, Is Appointed Chairman of Special Advisory Committee of Faculty Men to Make Special Interest to Assist in Putting an End to Student Indulgence in Alcoholic Beverages.

Stanford University, Feb. 18.—Determined to put an absolute stop to all drinking among the students, David Starr Jordan, president of the university, today appointed Arthur B. Clark, head of the art department and former prohibition mayor of Mayfield, Cal., chairman of the special advisory committee of the faculty men who will make it a special interest to assist in putting an end to the student indulgence in beer and California wine.

When Jordan announced his intention to attempt so radical a step, the former student affairs committee resigned in a body as many members of the faculty are not in sympathy with the president's attitude.

They assert that there is but a very little drunkenness at Stanford and the action of Jordan is uncalled for and will tend to create friction and excitement on the campus.

JAPS WILL SUE CANADA.

If Recent British Columbia Naval Act Is Disallowed by Dominion Government.

Bellingham, Wash., Feb. 18.—A special from Victoria, B. C., states that very probably if the British Columbia naval act, recently passed with the intention of excluding the Japanese, is disallowed by the dominion government, that the detained Japanese will immediately institute claims for damages against the dominion.

Their detention is justifiable under the Natal act, but absolutely unjustifiable under the treaty. It is not improbable that after allowing the claims the dominion government will start suit against the province to recover money.

JAP MARRIES WHITE GIRL.

Subject of the Mikado Takes American Damsel for His Better Half.

Vancouver, Wash., Feb. 18.—Kintaro Tanaka, a subject of the mikado of Japan, and Anna Heggman, an 18-year-old girl, who states that her home is in San Jose, Cal., were granted a marriage license here today by the county clerk.

There is no legal obstacle in Washington to prevent such a marriage.

Millions for Cheyenne's Post.

Cheyenne, Feb. 18.—Contracts calling for an expenditure of over one and a half million dollars and the erection of \$3 buildings at Fort D. A. Russell will be closed within the next few months by the government, and work of improving the fort and surroundings will begin late in spring. Appropriations have been made by congress to meet the expense of this work, and the fort when completed will be one of the best equipped in the entire country. Garrison will be erected, and houses and cottages for the officers will comprise a part of the work to be done here.