

REPUBLICANS IN CONGRESS

Will Decide the Fate of Cuban
Reciprocity Tonight

A CONFERENCE IS CALLED

The Nicaragua Canal Bill De-
bated in The Sen-
ate

SEVERAL PROMINENT MEMBERS
FAVOR THE NICARAGUA ROUTE,
WHILE GALLINGER SPOKE FOR
THE PANAMA SCHEME—THE
BANKRUPTCY LAW IS AMENDED

WASHINGTON, June 17.—Interest on the question of Cuban reciprocity was centered today in the conference of the Republican Senators, to be held tomorrow night at the request of the Republican members of the Committee on Cuban Relations. The best sugar men have been so much encouraged by recent events that many of them declare that the conference decision will be adverse to any legislation whatever in the interest of Cuba.

The Isthmian Canal.

Washington, June 17.—Throughout today's session of the Senate the Isthmian Canal question was under consideration. Speeches were delivered by Perkins (Cal.), Gallinger (N. H.), Stewart (Nev.), and Morgan (Ala.) All advocated the adoption of the Nicaragua route, except Gallinger, who made a forceful argument in support of the Panama route.

New Nominations.

Washington, June 17.—The President today sent the following nominations to the Senate: Registers of Land Office, Daniel S. Arms, Missoula, Mont.; William R. Dunbar, Vancouver, Wash. Agent for Indians—Wm. R. Logan, Fort Belknap, Mont.

The Bankruptcy Act.

Washington, June 17.—The House spent today considering bills reported from the Judiciary Committee. By far the most important measure was that to amend the existing bankruptcy law. The minority made a vigorous effort to repeal the present law in toto, but was overwhelmingly defeated, 65 to 137. The bill passed amends the law in fifteen particulars, to meet defects which it is said experience has proven. The most important amendment is one to define preference to meet the Supreme Court decision in the case of Pirie vs. the Chicago Title & Trust Company. Four additional grounds for refusing a discharge in bankruptcy also are added.

First, obtaining property on credit on materially false statements; second, making a fraudulent transfer of property; third, having been granted or denied a discharge in bankruptcy within six years; and fourth, having refused to obey the order of the court or a refusal to answer material questions approved by the court.

SENSATIONAL CHARGES

POLICE OF MINNEAPOLIS ACCU-
SED OF BRIBERY AND AC-
CEPTING BRIBES.

MINNEAPOLIS, June 17.—Sensational charges thick and fast in the police bribery cases today. When it came time to open trial of Christopher Norbeck, detective, for bribery, W. W. Erwin, his attorney, confessed that he did not know the whereabouts of his client. The disappearance of the accused caused great excitement and a White, Urbana, and S. S. Paxton, Monmouth.

John P. Hopkins was re-elected chairman of the State Central Committee after a bitter contest with Carter H. Harrison, of Chicago. The election of Chairman Hopkins produced the only fight in the convention. The day was full of clashes between Hopkins and Harrison. The struggle produced wild excitement. The delegates at times were frantic, and criticisms highly personal were frequently exchanged. Hopkins finally won easily, 823 to 397.

The committee on resolutions had a long and stormy session before their report was finally adopted. The principal fight was over the principal plank in the platform. An originally drafted, this read:

"The Democrats of Illinois, in State bench warrant will be issued for him. Since the conviction of Special Officer Gardner and the commitment of Detective Harvey for perjury, Norbeck has been very despondent and has threatened suicide.

Another sensation developed when F became known that Albert Ames, of Minneapolis, had been indicted for offering bribe. The charge is that the Mayor endeavored to have his secretary, Thomas R. Brown, appointed sheriff by the county commissioners, when it became evident that Philip Megardien would be removed from office by the Governor for malfeasance. In attempting to carry out this plan he is alleged to have offered to so arrange matters that the \$20,000 annual income from the sheriff's office should be divided equally between Brown and the three county commissioners, forming a majority of the board, who were to vote for him. The evidence to this effect was given before the Grand Jury by County Commissioner Nash and Ed Sweet.

Dr. Ames has been Mayor of Minneapolis four times, having been elected thrice as a Democrat, and again in November, 1900, after having been out of office for some years, as a Republican. He is a veteran of the Civil War in which he served as surgeon, and he is a G. A. R. man.

THE ILLINOIS DEMOCRATS
HOLD A STORMY CONVENTION—
CARTER H. HARRISON DE-
FEATED FOR CHAIRMAN.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., June 17.—The Democratic State Convention today nominated the following ticket:
Clerk of Supreme Court—John L.

Pickering, Springfield.
State Treasurer—George W. Duddleston, Chicago.
Superintendent of Public Instruction—Anson L. Bliss, Hillsboro.
Trustees of State University—Dr. Julia Holmes Smith, Chicago; J. A. Convention assembled, declared their adherence to the fundamental principles of the Democratic party as laid down in the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States, and our last National Convention.

This was considered by the opponents of silver as too specific a declaration in favor of the Kansas City platform, and they fought it. For three hours the debate went on and the plank was amended to read: "The fundamental principles of the Democratic party, etc., repeatedly affirmed by past Democratic Conventions."

No effort was made to bring in the name of W. J. Bryan.

CRATER LAKE BOILING
SUCH IS THE REPORT OF A PARTY
OF MOUNTAIN CLIMBERS
JUST RETURNED.

GRANTS PASS, June 17.—According to the story of members of a party that just crossed the Cascades and passed through Crater Lake Park, Crater Lake is beginning to boil and steam. The party did not get close enough to see the surface of the lake, as there is yet too much snow in the mountains, but they assert for a certainty that they were near enough to see clouds of steam ascending from the summit of Mount Mazama, on which the lake is located. As volcanic eruptions seem to be prevalent everywhere, and so many fires have been kindled in other craters, it is not at all unlikely that the waters of Crater Lake have begun to boil.

Crater Lake and the craters of Mount Pelee and Soufrier, before their eruptions, as can be seen by a comparison of the photos, are very similar, the craters each being filled with water forming lakes of great depth and several miles in circumference. The truth of the report that Crater Lake is boiling cannot be confirmed until word is received from persons who have been to the lake's rim. At this time of year all of that portion of the mountains occupied by Crater Lake National Park is uninhabited, the winter's snows being yet too deep to admit hunters and camping parties—the only people who visit the lake. Not until July or August can the lake be easily reached. An investigation will be made, and the results are anxiously awaited.

A PECULIAR CASE
PATIENT IN A CHICAGO HOSPITAL
DIED OF ONE OF THE RAR-
EST DISEASES KNOWN.

CHICAGO, June 17.—Practically dead for eight and one-half hours, the heart of Bridget Dempsey, a patient in the county hospital, has finally ceased beating. All action of the respiratory organs of the woman had ceased and the physicians in attendance pronounced her dead. The heart action, which had apparently fled away, grew stronger a few moments afterwards and injection of nitroglycerine and other stimulants and artificial respiration were used, but ineffectually. Still the pulsations of the heart continued with regularity, while the woman remained to all indications lifeless.

Dr. J. H. Mustard, of the hospital staff, pronounced the case one of Landry's paralysis, one of the rarest diseases known to medical science. The disease is primarily paralysis of the respiratory organs, which does not act immediately upon the heart. The dead woman was 21 years of age, and entered the institution two weeks ago to be treated for tubercular meningitis.

TO VISIT PRINCE HENRY.
NEW YORK, June 17.—Captain Max Schnittpurger, of the New York Police Department, who was in command of the detail at the pier where the German Emperor's yacht Hohenzollern lay during Prince Henry's visit to this country, has decided to accept the warm invitations extended to him by the Prince and members of his suite to visit Berlin. The Captain, who through his activity, saved the Prince's party from much annoyance through the existence of eight hours, also has received many valuable presents from the Prince and his officers.

WIFE AGAINST HUSBAND.
NEW YORK, June 17.—Judge Skinner, of the Common Pleas court at Newark, N. J., has set aside the conviction of John McEver, a Newark man who had been committed for 90 days on a charge of having been drunk and disorderly. The testimony upon which his conviction was based was given by his wife. An appeal to Judge Skinner was taken from the conviction on the ground that under the New Jersey statutes as recently revised, a wife's testimony against her husband is not competent in a case in which crime is alleged. The point raised was a novel one, and was sustained.

ANNEXATION PREDICTED.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., June 17.—Colonel Harry Williams, who has just returned from Cuba, where he has been employed for the last two years as Government Postoffice Inspector, says it is a great problem as to whether Cuba can govern herself now that she does have the opportunity. His duties as Postoffice Inspector gave Colonel Williams an opportunity to visit every section of the island and to study the people and conditions prevailing among the inhabitants. In discussing the conditions, he said: "I predict that it will not be many years before Cuba will be annexed to the United States."

REBELS PUT TO ROUT.

NEW YORK, June 17.—The overthrow of the Colombian revolution appears to be complete, says a Port of Spain, Trinidad, dispatch to the Herald under date of June 10th. Leaders of the revolutionary forces, including General Uribe-Uribe, and other chief commanders, have arrived in Caracas, Venezuela, disheartened, after escaping from the Colombian troops by the Meta river. They were pursued for eight days. The rebels first went to Ciudad Bolivar, and hurried thence to Caracas, where they hope to obtain further assistance from President Castro.

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HEAD OFF THE ESCAPING MUR-
DERERS—A SHARP CONFLICT
YESTERDAY MORNING.

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 17.—A telephone message from Sheriff Marsh, at La Center, at 7:30 tonight, states that Tracy and Merrill are known to have passed Pioneer church, six miles south-east of La Center and fourteen miles from here, late this afternoon. They were on horseback, having stolen two horses from the farm of John Rathburn after holding up Rathburn's father-in-law. After securing the horses, the outlaws rode rapidly to the Pioneer church, two miles west, then turned north in the direction of La Center and Lewisville, on the Lewis river. The posse came up scarcely an hour after the convicts secured the horses and upon hearing of the occurrence started in hot pursuit. Several miles beyond Pioneer all traces of the fugitives were lost but it is believed they passed the main road leading off Pioneer road to La Center, and continued north along the trail through the woods which follow the Lewis river toward Lewisville. Sheriff Marsh says, trusty men have been stationed at Lewisville and other points of vantage along the river while he himself and Sheriff Totten, of Skamania county, will stand guard at La Center bridge. News of the engagement between the convicts and the pursuers is momentarily expected.

William Morris, who with L. D. Seal was mistaken yesterday for convicts, by several members of the posse and shot through the leg, is resting easy today. The doctors think the leg may be saved.

More Shots Exchanged.

Sheriff Durbin received a telegram from Vancouver late last night, to the effect that it was reported from La Center that the pursuers and the convicts had exchanged shots, twenty reports being heard followed a few minutes later by three more shots. It is not known what the effects of these shots were, nor who fired them.

A Hot Skirmish.

Vancouver, Wash., June 17.—A hot skirmish, which occurred about midnight last night between Bert Blessecker and Lon Davis, two members of Sheriff Marsh's posse, and two armed men answering the description of Tracy and Merrill, in which 11 rifle shots were exchanged and one of the men at least (Blessecker) had a narrow escape, furnished convincing proof, if any further proof were needed, that the three score or more of officers and armed men are on the right track and that the men who crossed the Columbia river Sunday and held up and robbed old man Tiede, near Fourth Plain, yesterday morning, are beyond question the desperate outlaws. The encounter also demonstrates another significant fact: that the same men now searching for the convicts can and will use their firearms when opportunity offers.

Blessecker and Davis were two of 15 of more picked men posted along Salmon creek at points where the convicts were liable to cross. About 11 o'clock they noticed two men come down to the creek to get a drink. This was at a point about six miles north of Vancouver between what is known as Tenney and Betts bridges.

At the time the men approached the creek the watchers were not sure of their identity, and halted until they again approached the road. The guards then went down the road in the direction of the supposed convicts, and when about thirty yards distant Blessecker sent a rifle shot in their direction.

The fire was promptly returned and six shots were exchanged by Blessecker and Davis and the two convicts, none of which took effect so far as known.

Both parties then took to cover. After waiting in their hiding places for more than an hour, the guards concluded there was to be no further chance to get a shot at the convicts and went up the road. A quarter of a mile or so, where their horses were tied on the way, they discovered fresh tracks in the road not far from the point where their horses were hitched. They again lay in wait another half hour in the hope of seeing the fugitives, but nothing occurring, they got in the buggy and started toward town. They had gone but a short distance, when "bang, bang, bang," went a rifle from the brush at the roadside, and the guards now realizing that they were in close and dangerous quarters with the odds all in favor of their unseen foes, whipped up and drove for their lives.

Five shots were sent after them, all of which apparently took slight effect, but fortunately causing no serious result. The first shot struck the horse in the rump, another passed under Blessecker's right arm, cutting a clean hole through the side of his coat and the under part of his sleeve. One struck the horse in the head, causing a scalp wound, another grazed the horse's side and a fifth cut through the harness.

The men reached town about 2 o'clock and reported to Sheriff Marsh. George Goddard, a farmer living in the vicinity of the occurrence, reported that this morning of having heard firing at three different times during the night, two of which evidently were the ones described. He with a companion, spent the night in the brush near his house with guns, expecting visits from the desperadoes.

MURDERED HIS WIFE.
Vancouver, Wash., June 17.—James Hickey shot his wife this afternoon, at her home at Fourth Plain, and then attempted suicide by taking poison.

Hickey who was separated from his wife some time ago, went to the house and entered the door fired five shots at her from a pistol, at his wife, the shots taking effect in the woman's back. He then swallowed the contents of a vial containing poison. Both parties are alive, but will probably die.

Tracy's Bad Record.

Harry Tracy, the murderous convict now being hunted in the state of Washington by the officers and posse of two states, for the murder of three guards at the Penitentiary in this city, has a record in Utah where he escaped from the Penitentiary in, as bold a manner as he did here. The Salt Lake Herald, of Salt Lake City, in telling the story of Tracy's exploit in that state, says:

"Harry Tracy, who, with David Merrill, shot and killed four men while escaping from the state prison at Salem, Oregon, Monday, has served time in the Penitentiary here, but escaped from custody with three other desperate criminals, none of whom has been recaptured. He is well known to numbers of the police officers of this city who served as guards at the prison at the time of his escape."

"In 1897 Tracy was sentenced to a term of one year for burglary. The crime was committed in Provo, and he was tried at that place. He was placed in the state prison, but remained there only two months. While a member of the work gang to which was operated at the Penitentiary he held up the guard at the point of a revolver, and, with three others, got safely away."

"The gang had been taken out as usual that morning and put to work at a rock quarry. Four of the convicts were under the charge of Guard John Van Stetter, and Tracy was one of the four. The guard was armed with a double-barreled shotgun and remained at a distance from the prisoners."

"Various devices were resorted to by the prisoners to divert the attention of the guard, but all were futile. Tracy's shovel, however, finally was bent and Van Stetter approached to assist in mending it. The men stood side by side, too close for the use of a long barreled shotgun. Suddenly Tracy drew a revolver from his convict's jacket and covered the guard with the weapon."

"Commanding the guard to remove his clothing and taking his gun, Tracy, dressed the uniform of the guard, and with the three other prisoners walked boldly away. They kept the guard covered with the revolver until they passed from view. Unarmed and dressed only in his underclothing, the guard was compelled to put on the stripes and hastened to the home of a neighbor to secure assistance. A posse was at once organized, and the adjacent country scoured, but none of the men was ever found."

"Leaving the quarry the escaped convicts separated. Tracy and a convict named Lent going in the direction of Parley's canyon. A citizen who recognized the men fired a shot at the fugitives in an attempt to bring them to a halt, but they returned the fire and continued their journey. A man with his wife were driving in a buggy in their direction and were held up at the point of a revolver. Taking the rig and driving rapidly, the convicts hastened down the canyon. They drove most of the day, and at night turned the horse loose on the roadside."

"They went in a southerly direction and passed over into Colorado. A young ranchman with whom the two convicts quarreled was murdered in cold blood and officers at once renewed their search for Tracy. He was at last captured by the officers of Colorado. He was placed in jail to await trial, but escaped by beating three guards into insensibility. He was retaken and kept in custody for two weeks. He again escaped by almost killing his guard by clubbing him on the head."

"Since his second escape nothing was heard of the men until he became notorious by his crimes in Oregon. As a criminal, he is one of the worst men in the country, and has possibly more crimes to his credit than any man who has been confined in any of the Salt Lake prisons."

"Among his achievements was the leadership of the notorious 'Hole-in-the-Wall' gang. He was connected with 'Butch' Cassidy and the other famous criminals who composed that organization in most of the worst crimes of which they were guilty. He left that company, however, and began to operate on his own account."

"While in the Penitentiary here he was regarded as a bad man and special orders were issued to guard him closely. His escape from the Oregon Penitentiary and his present freedom are a source of serious interest to all the officers of this city."

City Recorder N. J. Judah was yesterday in receipt of a communication from a woman in Chicago, Illinois, who signs herself Minnie Tracy, and claims that she was married to Harry Tracy, the escaped convict, on April 8, 1893. She also enclosed a miniature photograph of herself for identification but thinks he, Tracy, would deny the relationship. The letter is self-explanatory and is printed herewith:

"Dear Sir—I write you these few lines in regard to Harry Tracy. I saw in the Chicago American an item concerning Harry Tracy which is of no use to me, but I mention as you already know the details concerning it. The reason of my writing to you is that I am nearly positive by the picture which was sent that he is the man whom I was united to in '93, the 8th day of April."

"Harry Tracy was in the Pen at Little Rock, Arkansas, on August 14th he got out of there in about 3 months. You will enclose find a small picture of me but of course I expect he to deny ever seeing me but I will wait patiently to see. I only hope there could be some mistake but I am afraid there is none. I will close for this time, hoping to hear from you soon. Don't be afraid to tell me all. You will please oblige me. Respectfully,

"MRS. MINNIE TRACY."
"P. S.—In the letter which was sent to a gentleman it was stated that Harry Tracy was married to some other person. I hold my marriage certificate which can be referred to at any time."

PROF. RESSLER CHOSEN

WILL BE THE NEXT PRESIDENT
OF THE STATE NORMAL
SCHOOL.

MONMOUTH, Or., June 17.—Prof. E. D. Ressler, of the University of Oregon, of Eugene, was today elected President of the State Normal School, by the Board of Regents, to succeed President P. L. Campbell, who recently resigned to accept the presidency of the University of Oregon.

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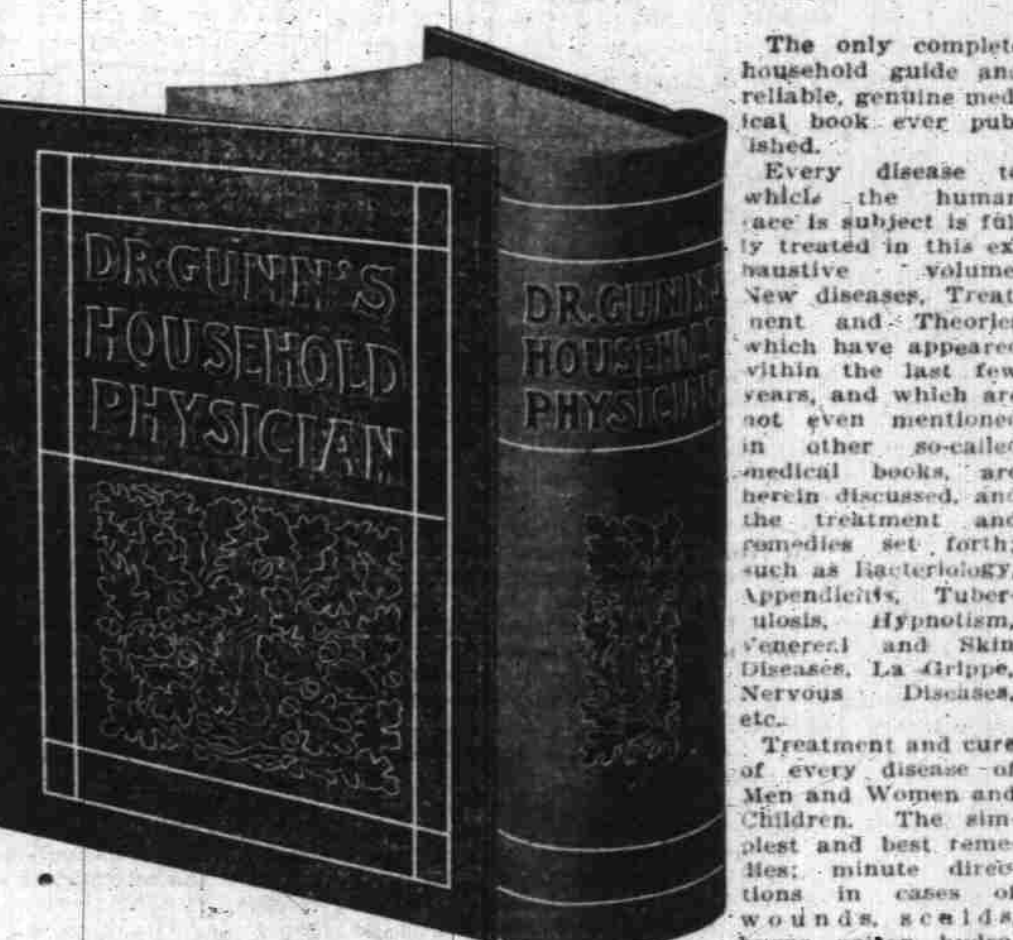
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