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WASHINGTON NEWS.

Some Hard Work Before Congress.

IN THE HANDS OF POLITICIANS.

The Present Administration Beginning to Act.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—The first official reception of the present administration was given at the White House last evening. Two thousand invitations had been distributed, and in spite of a rainy evening, everyone who was invited appeared.

The receiving party consisted of President and Mrs. McKinley, Vice-President and Mrs. Hobart, and the members and ladies of the cabinet. When the house party entered, it was noted that Mrs. McKinley was leaning on the arm of the president, reversing the usual rule by which the president escorts the wife of the vice-president, and the latter the mistress of the White House.

The senate committee on foreign relations authorized a favorable report on the nomination of C. P. Bryan, to be minister of Brazil and upon Conger, who is transferred from Brazil to China.

When the house convened the leaders on both sides were rallying their forces, and it was apparent that the battle over Cuba which raged yesterday was to continue today. The attendance on the floor and in the galleries was very large. Linney, Republican, of North Carolina, from the committee on elections, reported that Comer had abandoned the contest against H. G. Clayton from the third Alabama district, and a resolution was adopted declaring Clayton entitled to his seat.

Grout, Republican, of Vermont, reported the District of Columbia appropriation bill. Lacey, Republican, of Iowa, asked unanimous consent for consideration of a bill to extend the homestead laws to Alaska, and grant rights to any railroad company organized under the laws of any state.

Brucker, Democrat, of Michigan, asked unanimous consent for the consideration of a resolution, which he sent to the clerk's desk. The speaker took occasion to examine the resolution, and while doing so, Bailey, the leader of the minority, loudly demanded that the resolution be reported. The speaker thereupon directed the clerk to read the resolution which instructed the committee on appeal to make permanent the gold standard, retire the greenbacks and turn control of the nation's currency over to the national banks completely vindicates the judgment and policy of the Silver Republicans in quitting forever the Republican party.

After the adoption of the St. Louis platform the rank and file of the Republicans in Idaho clung to the old party in the hope that it would do something for silver. Now that the national party has thrown off all disguise and stands squarely and unregretfully for gold, the realization that it follows no further. They will ally themselves with their former political associates and join the silver Republican ranks.

"There is no room for a Republican party in Idaho, I believe the silver Republicans are the strongest party in Idaho. They should use their strength for the purpose of advancing the full restoration of silver and not for the advancement of individuals. Appearances indicate that the silver forces will combine in these Western states and stop fighting each other for the offices. What we desire is the accomplished fact of silver restoration, and the only way to bring this to pass is for the silver forces of the country to unite."

The Japan Line Deal. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 20.—Further particulars regarding the agreement recently entered into by the Japanese, the Pacific Mail and the Occidental & Oriental Steamship Companies are not at hand. Arrangements have been made to bear in equal proportion all the expenses of navigation incurred by the three companies, although the distribution of profits shall be subject to the amount of the receipts gained by them.

Under the agreement the Occidental & Oriental and the Pacific Mail are each to reduce their number of steamers to three, although they each run four at present. The agreement will be carried into practice as soon as the steamers of the Toyo Kusen Kaisha, now being built in England, arrive in Japan.

INSANE.—Constable W. L. Jones came down from Marion Wednesday afternoon with Frank Nelmeyer whom he placed in the insane asylum. The unfortunate man is 35 years of age and unmarried. His insanity is caused by spiritualism. He threatened with a deadly harm a number of the residents of Marion, whom he thought to blame for the frequent visitations of spirits, making it necessary for his commitment to the asylum.

THE PURE ARTICLE.—Pure elder vinegar at Johnson & Butchart's, 100 Court street.

POPULISTS IN LINE.

Refuse to Change Their Convention Date.

STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Refuses to Go It Alone by a Vote of 19 to 8.

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 20.—Chairman Young called the meeting to order. W. S. U'Ren was selected as secretary and Charles H. Fitch his assistant. On calling the roll of counties, the following were found to be represented: Baker, W. R. King; Benton, Nels W. Wheeler; J. W. Agall proxy; Coos, W. H. Hull; W. S. U'Ren proxy; Jackson, W. S. U'Ren proxy; Clatsop, B. H. Coffey; S. R. Smith proxy; Columbia, W. A. Wood; W. S. U'Ren proxy; Grant, C. S. Dusan; J. C. Luce proxy; Harney, C. P. Rutherford; W. R. King proxy; Jackson, S. H. Holt; Josephine, A. B. Axtell; W. S. U'Ren proxy; Klamath, J. G. Griffiths; W. S. U'Ren proxy; Lincoln, Thomas Stakeley; H. Deullinger proxy; Lake, J. C. Oliver; W. R. King proxy; Lane, J. C. Sutherland; W. S. U'Ren proxy; Linn, E. C. Neal; Marion, K. L. Hibbard; Multnomah, A. P. Nel on; Polk, T. V. Embrod; W. S. U'Ren proxy; Sherman, O. P. King; Umatilla, Nathan Pierce; R. M. O'Brien proxy; Union, J. E. Reynolds; J. H. Chandler proxy; Washington, G. W. Kelly; Wasco, C. L. Morse; Walla, J. A. French; Yamhill, W. H. Kirkwood.

J. C. Luce, of Grant; J. W. Jory, of Marion, national committeemen, were present, and the W. R. Marksberry, of Jackson, the third national committeemen, was represented by S. H. Holt, who held his proxy. In addition to the state committee and its officers, there were about 40 Populists present, including several women, the more prominent being Joseph Gaston, Frank Williams, of Ashland; Dr. J. L. Hill, of Albany; Harry Watkins, of McMinnville; G. H. Curry, publisher of the Observer at La Grande; J. L. Story, of The Dalles; L. H. McMahan, of Salem; Mrs. A. P. Nelson and Mrs. Flora W. McKinley, who were latterly Mayor Penney's appointee as matron of the city jail.

The first matter of business brought before the committee was the question of sustaining the action of the executive committee in fixing the date of holding the state convention in Portland on March 23. Mr. W. S. U'Ren moved as an amendment that the date be changed to February 23, in which he was supported by the members from Jackson and Lincoln counties. The claim was made that the date of the February 23, it would be a practical announcement to the people that the Populists of Oregon did not want any fusion with the Democrats. After a discussion of nearly two hours the motion of U'Ren was lost, by a vote of 19 to 8.

Mr. U'Ren then introduced a resolution arraigning the fusion movement in general, and brought out a discussion covering a wide field, not confined to the subject, but fusion was discussed in every phase. When the matter was introduced, the danger of Lincoln moved that it be referred to a committee of county chairmen, who had had experience with fusion, which was not agreed to; Ingall, of Benton, next moved to indefinitely postpone the matter, which was voted down.

O'Brien of Umatilla moved as a substitute that the question of an alliance with the anti-Republican forces of Oregon be discussed by the Populists in their clubs and conventions, and that delegates to the state convention be instructed to vote for or against fusion, and if for fusion, upon what terms.

A discussion followed and the resolution of U'Ren was voted down, by a vote of 9 to 6, many refusing to cast a ballot either way. The substitute was then adopted by practically a unanimous vote.

The evening session was held with open doors, and a Populist love feast followed for two hours. The only business of importance transacted was a rearrangement of the apportionment of delegates, giving each county two delegates at large and one for each 300 votes cast for Bryan and Watson in 1896, or the major faction thereof.

Dole to Be Entertained. CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—Arrangements are rapidly completing for the reception and entertainment of President Dole, of Hawaii, who is expected to arrive in Chicago Saturday. General Dole will in the city and to escort for the United States troops at Fort Sheridan to meet Dole on his arrival in Chicago and act as an escort to the hotel. A guard of honor with the compliments of the staff officers will also be detailed to wait on President Dole while in the city and to escort him to the train Sunday. From Chicago it is the intention of the government representatives to take President Dole direct to Washington on a special train.

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ANOTHER SUIT BEGUN.

White & Jacobs vs. State Board of Equalization.

WRIT OF REVIEW.

White & Jacobs vs. A. C. Auldon, et al.

White & Jacobs vs. State Board of Equalization. A second suit in which validity of the proceedings of the late state board of equalization are questioned, was today instituted in the Marion county circuit court. White & Jacobs, a merchandise firm of Jacksonville, Jackson county, are plaintiffs in the suit, and the members of the board of equalization, George A. Jackson, county clerk for Jackson county; Jackson county, a corporation, and Secretary of State H. H. Kincaid are defendants.

Attorney E. A. Reames, of the firm of Colvig & Reames, of Jacksonville, arrived in this city on the morning overland and this afternoon filed the complaint with County Clerk L. V. Ehlen.

The direct cause for this suit was the action of the state board of equalization in raising the assessment on merchandise and stock in trade in Jackson county, 50 per cent. The merchants of Jackson county have effected a combination and propose to prevent the raising of the assessment per cent increase on the assessment rolls.

Judge Geo. H. Burnett, of Department No. 1, Marion county circuit court, today issued the following writ of review: WRIT OF REVIEW. White & Jacobs vs. A. C. Auldon, et al. Whereas, It manifestly appears to George H. Burnett, one of the Judges of the circuit court of the State of Oregon, for Marion county that in attempting to equalize between the several counties of the said state, the defendants, A. C. Auldon, et al, as the pretended state board of equalization, of the State of Oregon, and that body styled "The State Board of Equalization," has exceeded its jurisdiction, and exercised judicial functions erroneously, and to the injury of the substantial rights of the plaintiffs herein, now therefore in the name of the state of Oregon, you the said A. C. Auldon et al, are hereby commanded to return this writ to Department No. 2, of the circuit court of the State of Oregon for Marion county, and not elsewhere on or before March 7, 1898, having annexed thereto a certified copy of all the records and proceedings of the said pretended state board of equalization for Oregon which proceedings were begun on the 7th day of December 1897, together with a certified copy of all minutes, or other entries made or noted upon any of the books or records kept at the said session, that the same may be reviewed by the said circuit court, and you the said George A. Jackson, county clerk for Jackson county, Oregon, and the said Jackson county, Oregon, its officers and agents are hereby required to desist from further proceedings in the matter herein sought to be reviewed, and particularly to desist and refrain from entering upon the records for Jackson county, Oregon, any changes made or attempted to be made in the valuations of assessable property for Jackson county, Oregon. Witness the hand of L. V. Ehlen, county clerk, Marion county, Oregon, with the seal of said court attached.

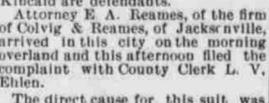
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Physician Arrested. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 20.—Dr. Arthur Herbert Orpen, alias Arthur Herbert, was arrested by Deputy United States Marshal Gallinger in the steerage of the steamer Australia upon her arrival from Honolulu, on a warrant charging him with the murder of Susan McCallum, in the city of Auckland, December 25, 1897. He is alleged to have performed a criminal operation upon the woman.

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Expect No Mercy. CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—The alleged wife-murderer, Chris Merry, even before his name could be presented to the jury, gave up apparently all hope of escaping the gallows. Before the court opened he broke into one of his fearful cursing spells, acting like a wild man.

"Frait," exclaimed Merry to his attorney, will you go with me to the gallows? No priest, no minister for me; I want you, I'd rather see you walk with me to the scaffold than any holy hypocrite."

Attorney Pratt tried to reason with Merry, but the prisoner yelled volleys after volleys of curses on his dead wife and the police.

"I won't confess," he yelled. "What for? That jury will hang me no matter what I say." Counsel for Smith, who is on trial with Merry for complicity in the murder, sprang a surprise today by moving that Smith's case be taken from the jury on the ground that no evidence connecting Smith with the murder had been introduced. The motion was overruled. The defence put witnesses on the stand today to attempt to prove Merry insane. Merry himself flatly refused to go on the witness stand.

The case of Merry and Smith will go to the jury tomorrow. Smith expects mercy.

"The jury will hang me," Merry repeated many times today. He feared the cross-examination. He said repeatedly: "I don't know who killed Polly; I did not see her, have never seen her since between 4 and 5 o'clock on Friday afternoon, November 18."

Why not go on the stand and tell your story to the jury? urged Colonel Davidson, one of the counsel. "You cannot hurt yourself and you may benefit yourself."

Merry shook his head, declaring it was useless for him to say a word.

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