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The Weather.

Tonight partly cloudy; Tuesday occasional rain and cooler.

CONSOLIDATION OF SCHOOLS.

Consolidation of school districts now being effected in many counties of the state under the new school law will probably be undertaken by several districts in Jackson county. There is movement under way to consolidate the three districts in Sams Valley into one district and to put in a graded school. The proposition is being discussed of joining to the Talent district No. 8, lying to the east of Talent and the Wagner Creek and Anderson Creek districts that lie to the west of Talent. Talent now has one of the best graded schools in the county and the three adjoining districts, being unable to maintain the advanced grades in their school, are anxious to secure the benefits of the Talent school.

The farmers are learning that the system under which the rural districts have been conducted is both expensive and lacking in the thoroughness that a school should have. A three-month term and twenty-five classes for a dozen scholars give no practical results in the way of educating the farmer boys and girls, and, as this is an age of brains, in which the ignorant have no chance for success, the farmer who desires that his children shall have an education is compelled to send them away from home. The consolidated district gives to the country scholars the same educational advantages that those of the city enjoy and it brings a decrease in expense to the taxpayer and the retention of the home influence to the children. The day of the small district and the ungraded school is rapidly passing, and in its place is coming the large district and the graded, fully equipped school, in charge of able and progressive teachers.

THE POWER OF GRAFT.

Municipal house cleaning in different parts of the country discloses the fact that too many city legislatures and department heads have yielded to the power of graft. Recent revelations have shown deplorable rottenness among officials, and it would seem that only a beginning has been made.

It has long been accepted as a fact that while Tammany rules New York hoodlums and bribery will be the conspicuous features of municipal administration. It has been generally admitted that no Tammany politician takes to office holding for his health, and, judged by the willingness of New York people to retain Tammany in power, the conclusion must be that they regard the rick-off as a necessary evil.

But other cities, while shocked at New York's political demonstration, have labored under the delusion that the conduct of their own public servants was above reproach. This seems to have been a lamentable mistake. Bribery and corruption have flourished in other municipalities even more luxuriantly than in New York. Shameless venality has been uncovered in Philadelphia, St. Louis, Minneapolis and Grand Rapids, and yesterday it was announced that Milwaukee should be added to the list of cities in disgrace.

The chief offenses are those of accepting bribes for franchises and other privileges from city councils and from levying blackmail from the outlawed classes in return for police protection. All the evidence goes to show that the morals of municipal officials were never at so low an ebb, and that the seductions of graft have been irresistible.

Perhaps these disclosures following one upon another, may awaken the people to the necessity of stamping out the evil by the selection of more honorable men for the administration of municipal affairs. Certainly something must be done, if the cities of the country are not to be run in the interest of those who want valuable

privileges, and are willing to bribe officials to get them.—Spokesman-Review.

FORECAST FOR NEXT ELECTION.

General Grosvenor, the veteran Ohio congressman, is not happy unless he is figuring on election results. And the strange part about the matter is that the Ohioan is seldom far out of the way. The other day, during a debate in the house, the general became involved in a controversy over politics, during which he gave out his prediction regarding the result of the election next year. The total number of electoral votes in 1904 will be 476, so that 239 are necessary to a choice. Of these Mr. Grosvenor conceded as surely Democratic only 151—the votes of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia; in other words, the solid South, with Maryland not included in it, but Kentucky counted in. As sure Republican states, Mr. Grosvenor sets down the following:

California	10
Colorado	5
Connecticut	7
Illinois	27
Indiana	15
Iowa	13
Kansas	10
Maine	6
Massachusetts	16
Michigan	14
Minnesota	11
Nebraska	8
New Hampshire	4
New Jersey	12
North Dakota	4
Ohio	23
Oregon	4
Pennsylvania	34
Rhode Island	4
South Dakota	4
Vermont	4
Washington	5
West Virginia	7
Wisconsin	13
Wyoming	3
Total	263

This leaves the following in the doubtful list:

Delaware	3
Idaho	3
Maryland	8
Montana	3
Nevada	3
New York	39
Utah	3
Total	62

A study of these figures show that to win the Democrats must not only carry all of the states conceded to the Democrats, all of those placed in the doubtful list, but as well get 26 of those votes classed by General Grosvenor as surely Republican—surely not a pleasant prospect for the leaders of the present minority party. It is certain that Bryan could not carry a single one of these states classed as Republican, and it is just as certain that of those spoken of as doubtful he would not get a dozen votes. Unless there is a mighty upheaval before next November it will be seen that "Old Fingers" is very conservative in his election predictions.

Land Board Meets.

The state land board yesterday afternoon met and decided the swamp land contest between Senator Masters and others on the one side and J. W. Hamaker and others on the other. About 11,000 acres were involved in the transaction, and the state board decided to advertise the lands in controversy, and sell it to the highest bidder, thus giving both contestants an equal show at securing the property; in the case of the lands not being contested the board fixed the price at \$1.00 per acre.

The land board, during the month of November, received \$26,963.35 on account of the several funds in the hands of the board.

Ohio Hospital Fire.

Gallipolis, O., Nov. 30.—Fire today in the Ohio hospital for epileptics gutted the first floor. Attendants Walters and Woods, by heroic work, safely rescued 50 patients, some unconscious, through a second story window by ladders. The fire is supposed to have been started by some one smoking, which is against the rules.

The Fair Store has secured a corner on dolls. We have been able to buy dolls so cheap this year, that we can give you the best values ever seen in Salem. Just think, a dressed china doll 13 inches long for 5 cents, at the Fair store, 274 Commercial street.

The last of the society folks who insist upon staying late at their country houses in the mountains are returning this week, and, from announcements appearing daily, this will be the most brilliant season in Gotham's history. There are many debutantes, and several smart weddings scheduled.

P. S. KNIGHT NOMINATED FOR MAYOR

Citizens Spring a Surprise on the People

Endorse the Present City Administration and All the Nominees for Alderman in Each Ward

The Citizens' convention met at the city hall, and after listening to several speeches, nominated Rev. P. S. Knight for mayor, appointed a permanent campaign committee, adopted laudatory resolutions, and adjourned, ready for the campaign of the week. There was a full attendance of delegates present, and a good-sized crowd of spectators, principally from the three new wards, and considerable enthusiasm was created during the progress of the convention.

R. P. Boise, Jr., called the meeting to order, and placed in nomination ex-Mayor Bishop as chairman. Mr. Bishop thanked the convention for the honor, and said:

"I have been elected mayor of this city three times, and while during my term of service there have come many kicks, there have also been many words of commendation and encouragement, that have lightened the burden of the work somewhat.

"I now wish to explain why I resigned as mayor of Salem. I did not resign because I wanted to move away. I want to live in Salem, and to have a house in this town that will cost \$10,000, and, if I have my health, I will have a residence of that kind. I did not resign on account of the load the independent municipal government of the greater city would bring me. Never in the history of the town has there been a need of a more careful business organization than there is now."

He expressed his pride in the record made by the Citizens' Administration in the past five years, and said that he favored public improvements consistent with the ability of the city to pay, and he stated that the city was not yet ready to own its own water works nor to pay out \$5000 a year for Marion square improvements, though he favored an expenditure of \$500 per year for each of the two public parks.

Jon. H. Albert was elected secretary. A committee on credentials was appointed on motion of Oliver Jory, consisting of Oliver Jory, W. F. Boothby, Silas Riggs.

On motion of J. M. Payne, a committee of three was appointed on resolutions, the chair appointing J. M. Payne, R. P. Boise, Jr., and D. A. White.

The credentials committee reported the delegates' names as published, as follows:

- First Ward.**
Thos Burrows, D. J. Fry, A. M. Dalrymple, J. A. Taylor, John M. Payne.
- Second Ward.**
M. Bredemier, W. F. Boothby, M. O. Buren, R. P. Boise, Jr., Silas Riggs.
- Third Ward.**
G. Steiner, John Savage, Jr., W. H. Cook, R. W. Berry by N. J. Judah proxy, S. T. Northcutt by C. P. Bishop proxy.

- Fourth Ward.**
W. H. H. Downing, P. J. Larsen, C. L. Royer, Jos. H. Albert, C. L. Watt.
- Fifth Ward.**
D. A. White, Henry Huffman, Enos Presnall, Charles Scott, L. E. Gardner.

- Sixth Ward.**
Wm. Lansing, S. S. Gimble, C. T. Doty, J. T. Kress, W. D. Matthews.
- Seventh Ward.**
Albert Nye, E. O'Flynn, J. A. Tanner, Jas French, Oliver Jory.

The report of the committee on resolutions was called for, read and adopted. The resolutions reviewed the past history of the city, and pledged a continuance of the present administration.

On motion of Thos Burrows, the temporary officers were declared to be the permanent officers of the convention.

The nomination of a candidate for mayor was called for, and Judge N. J. Judah, in a well-delivered nomination speech, named Rev. P. S. Knight. The nominations were closed, and the convention, by a unanimous, rising vote

gave him the honor without opposition, and Mr. Bishop declared Rev. Knight the nominee for mayor. Upon motion of John Bayne, the entire meeting ratified the nomination by a rising vote.

Upon motion of N. J. Judah, the convention ratified the nominations for aldermen named in the several wards last Saturday, as follows:

- First ward—J. H. Campbell.
- Second ward—W. T. Slater.
- Third ward—Otto Wilson.
- Fourth ward—F. A. Erlson.
- Fifth ward—Enos Presnall, H. O. White.
- Sixth ward—J. N. Skafie, P. A. Thomas.
- Seventh ward—John Bayne, H. S. Jory.

The committee to conduct the campaign, consisting of Dr. W. A. Cusick, Thos Burrows, R. P. Boise, Jr., Wm. Cook, Jos. H. Albert, J. E. McCoy, T. D. Jones and John Bayne, was, upon motion, declared to be a permanent executive committee, to have charge of the campaign of the Citizens' movement, and was given power to fill any vacancies that might occur on the ticket.

The business of the convention being disposed of, addresses were made by Dr. Cusick, T. L. Davidson, Judge Boise, J. A. Jeffries, D. J. Fry, Jos. H. Albert, J. M. Payne and N. J. Judah.

Upon motion of Judge Judah, a committee of three, consisting of N. J. Judah, G. Steiner and J. M. Payne, was appointed to call upon Rev. Knight and notify him of his nomination. After the committees had been exhorted to do their best in the campaign, the convention adjourned.

Alexandria Is Fifty-Nine.

London, Dec. 1.—The bells of the parish church at Sandringham chimed a merry peal this morning in honor of the birthday of Queen Alexandria, who today entered upon her sixtieth year. The tenantry of the estate kept holiday in honor of the occasion, and the cottages and more pretentious residences for miles around were gaily decorated with bunting and evergreens. A large house party including besides the members of the royal family a number of the intimate friends of their Majesties was present to help celebrate the occasion. During the day the private wire to Sandringham was kept busy with telegrams of congratulation from the Queen's relatives in Denmark and other parts of Europe. Her Majesty was the recipient of a large number of valuable gifts.

Climatic Cures.

The influence of climatic conditions in the cure of consumption is very much overdrawn. The poor patient, and the rich patient, too, can do much better at home by proper attention to food digestion, and a regular course of German Syrup. Free expectoration in the morning is made certain by German Syrup, so is a good night's rest and the absence of that weakening cough and debilitating night sweat. Restless nights and the exhaustion due to coughing, the greatest danger and dread of the consumptive, can be prevented or stopped by taking German Syrup liberally and regularly. Should you be able to go to a warmer clime you will find that of the thousands of consumptives there, the few who are benefited and regain strength are those who use German Syrup. Trial bottle, 25c; regular size, 75c. At all druggists. At Dr. Stone's drug stores.

Tourist Car Rates Raised.

Chicago, Dec. 1.—The increased rates on Pullman tourist cars recently announced became operative today, and it now costs \$7 to ride in a tourist car from Chicago to California, instead of \$6, as heretofore. Rates throughout the country are increased proportionately. The company gives as the reason for the advance that wages, as well as the cost of building and equipping the tourist cars, is much greater than formerly and that the service could not be maintained at the old rates with profit.

Iowa Implement Dealers.

Davenport, Iowa, Dec. 1.—Members of the Iowa Retail Implement Dealers association, several hundred in number, are gathered in Davenport for their annual convention, which will be in session during the next three days. The association is one of the largest and strongest of its kind in the country and its conventions are always of great interest to the trade. The presiding officer of the convention is O. V. Eckert, of Northwood, and the secretary, D. M. Grove, of Nevada, Iowa.

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