

Chief Justice Robert M. Montgomery of the supreme court of Michigan to be presiding judge; associate judges, William H. Hunt of Montana, James F. Smith of California, Orion M. Barber of Vermont and Marion Devries of California. Nominations for this court were made by the president several months ago, but they were withdrawn when he found that congress would persist in cutting down the proposed salaries from \$10,000 to \$7,000 a year. When the court was first named Judge Alfred C. Cox of New York was selected as presiding judge. With the exception of Judge Cox the court named today is the same as at first chosen by the president.

A dispatch to the Lincoln (Neb.) Journal says that Mr. Taft intends to take the stump in the congressional republican campaign and the keynotes of the campaign will be as follows: "Vindication on the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill; insistence that the republican party be cleared of corruption, wherever it may be found; reiteration of the administration's determination to punish the 'bad trusts'; commands for party solidity and regularity."

Representative Helm of Kentucky, in a speech in the house, opposed steamship subsidy, declaring that the United States government was being converted into a gigantic pawnbroker's shop for the purpose of extending trade. He insisted that subsidies had not built up the maritime interest of the United States. "I do not subscribe to that course or policy that would convert this government into a gigantic pawnbroker's shop, in order to acquire trade," declared Mr. Helm. "I do not think we are materially improving our trade relations with Central and South America by attempting to put men selected at Washington in control of the governments of certain of the countries. In my opinion it will require something more than subsidy to overcome the adverse feeling engendered by our present policy in that zone of the western hemisphere, which should be our best market. I am apprehensive that the good

effect of Former Secretary Root's visit to the Central and South American republics, looking to the closer and more cordial relationships with these governments, has been largely discounted by our more recent domineering policy there. I fear some blunders and mistakes have been made. That quarter of the globe is on the eve of great development, from which we are in position to reap some of the benefits, and I surely believe that the Root policy will yield us better returns than the coercive policy." Tariff laws, Mr. Helm declared, had made the United States a dear market. "It is unreasonable," he added, "for us to expect the foreigner to purchase in a protected market, where the seller insists on his profits that arise in operation of laws, as it is to expect the individual to do his shopping at the highest priced store in any given locality. The report of the commissioner of navigation shows that we have three subsidized lines on the Caribbean route, and the full, complete and final answer to all arguments in support of subsidy as a trade producer, is that notwithstanding these subsidized lines, our trade in that sphere has decreased instead of increased." Mr. Helm concluded his remarks by declaring his opposition to subsidy of any kind.

Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire introduced in the senate a bill establishing the Rockefeller foundation, which he says will be the machinery through which the Rockefeller millions will be dispersed "for the benefit of humanity."

The treasury department shows that the money per capita in the United States is \$34.87. The department, in reporting this calculation, estimates the population of the United States as 89,883,000 and announces the amount of money in circulation on March 1 as \$3,134,093,350 which, if equally divided, would give each man, woman and child in the country \$34.87. There is in circulation today \$49,315,244 more than there was a year ago.

The house committee on naval affairs had a heated discussion over Commander Peary's alleged discovery of the north pole. The committee is inclined to insist upon proofs of Peary's accomplishments.

MR. TAFT'S NEW RESOLUTION

The president is reported from Washington to have made a resolution. He is said to feel that his speech at New York on Saturday should be regarded as a final statement of his attitude to every issue now pending in congress.

Therefore Mr. Taft has resolved to devote himself less to communicating his thoughts to the public and more to doing the things he believes ought to be done.

Mr. Taft is reported even to have quoted with approval the advice that a famous British educator used to give to young men in public life: "Don't excuse; don't explain; get it done; let 'em yell."

We believe that nearly everybody will commend Mr. Taft's resolution.

Mr. Taft has not denied the people the fullest expression of his views. His inaugural address was comprehensive.

Then he made a trip of 13,000 miles, and talked 13,000 words every fifty miles of the way.

Then he sailed down the Mississippi, with speeches all the way from St. Louis to New Orleans.

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We have had presidents who have not found it necessary to say so

much. Yet nobody suspected them of compounding felonies or protecting malefactors.

Benjamin Harrison and Grover Cleveland were universally regarded, we believe, as presidents who gave their country efficient government and did everything they could to help its people.

So we conclude that nearly everybody will regard Mr. Taft's new resolution as well taken. We congratulate him on it.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

IS IT A GREEK GIFT?

President Taft and others at Washington who are honestly trying to establish the proper sort of a postal savings bank will do well to examine closely the proposals of Senator Aldrich concerning this institution. The somewhat trite advice that one should "beware of Greeks bearing gifts" is particularly worthy of consideration by them. We know where Aldrich stands in American political and legislative affairs today, and we know for what he stands. Any postal bank bill that carries Aldrich's endorsement is pretty likely to be bad for the people.

The measure around which interest now centers is that offered by Senator Carter of Montana, the chairman of the senate committee on postoffices and post roads. Carter himself will bear watching. He has been in the senate several years and has stood by most of the Aldrich legislative programs. He is "regular." The mere fact that he holds so important a chairmanship indicates that he has been too subservient to the will of Aldrich to be an unqualified friend of the people.

The hand of big business and high finance has been the guiding power in the deliberations of the United States senate for fifteen years. Only as long ago as last summer it was still the guiding power. If it is shaping the destinies of the postal bank we will discover, when the smoke clears away, that the bank will bring nine benefits to the great financial interests for every single benefit to the people.—Lincoln, Neb., Daily Star.

NEWSPAPERS AND THE TARIFF

It will be difficult for the president to convince unprejudiced observers that the newspapers of the United States have been induced to misrepresent the tariff law and attack the administration because of dissatisfaction with the revision on print paper.

All the newspapers are in the same boat so far as the paper schedule is concerned. If one can stand it, the rest can. There is no threatened competition from other sources with cheaper material and the tax is merely passed along to the reading public.

But the paper schedule may have had this effect. It undoubtedly taught even standpat editors that the tariff in this particular instance was levying a tax on the people for the benefit of a trust that was denuding the United States of timber. So it opened their eyes to the sort of special privileges fostered everywhere by the protective system and made it hard to fool them into the belief that the Aldrich law was revision downward.

The notion that men interested in the public welfare always inspired by selfish motives is a favorite one with Speaker Cannon.

Perhaps he suggested it to the president.—Kansas City Times.

FROM THE LONG AGO

It may be that when the American people of today sink their teeth into a juicy roast of beef they are chewing the old "moolly cow" that granddaddy used to milk in 1810 back on the old farm.

When it was found that eggs were

kept in cold storage for eight years before being sold to the people it was reckoned that the trusts had gone the limit, but Dr. Bayard C. Fuller, chief inspector of foods for New York City, comes forward and says that this is as easy as rolling off a log.

According to the doctor a dinner was recently given by a scientist at which steaks were served that had laid in cold storage for 250,000 years, and they were as fresh as when packed away.

The steaks were from the carcass of a mammoth which was found in Russia, and which had been lying in ice since the glacial period.

"Once meat or poultry has been frozen," says Dr. Fuller, "the passage of time has no effect upon it, and fermentation is completely arrested so long as it is kept in a frozen condition. When thawing sets in, however, disintegration is rapid."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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