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BURKETT URGES POSTAL BANK.

Declares Republican Party Pledged to Savings Bank.

SPEAKS IN FAVOR OF BILL,

Not to Enact This Legislation, He Says, Would Be to Juggle With the Confidence of the People—Enemies' Idea Fifty Years Ago.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Senator E. J. Burckett of Nebraska today speaking in advocacy of the postal savings bank bill, declared that the Republicans were pledged by their platform to such a movement and that the party should not juggle with the confidence of the people in a way to give them the idea that there were other influences more potent in shaping laws than the wish of the people.

Senator Burckett declared that the law was designated for the benefit of the people. He said that the postal savings bank scheme had frequently been called visionary and socialistic but that these critics would not long control the situation.

Congress, the senator declared, had the right to establish postal banks and the example of other nations showed that the idea was feasible.

The enemies of the postal savings idea in this country, he said, were fighting with the same weapons used in England fifty years ago when the idea was first mentioned there.

Committee to Quiz Wall Street. New York, Dec. 17.—All the men named by Governor Hughes have consented to serve on the committee which he desires to investigate conditions in Wall street and methods of procedure have already been begun. A majority of the members, it was stated, favor secret sessions and giving the public its information in reports only. The reason for this is that partial secrecy will prevent possible harm to holders of stocks and securities which the developments of the investigation might affect.

REFORMERS MEET TODAY.

Sessions of the Civil Service League Begin in Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, Dec. 17.—Reformers from all parts of the United States are assembled here today to attend the twenty-eighth annual meeting of the National Civil Service Reform League. The sessions of the league will take two days, during which time many topics of importance to those interested in national, state and municipal government will be discussed.

Among the addresses to be delivered at the meetings of the league will be the following:

"Civil Service Reform in the National Service," Hon. Charles J. Bonaparte, attorney general of the United States; "The Workings of the Civil Service Law in Pittsburg," Hon. George R. Wallace of the civil service commission, Pittsburg; "Progress of Civil Service Reform in New Jersey," Hon. Willis Fletcher Johnson, president of the New Jersey state civil service commission.

Offer to Burton Withdrawn.

New York, Dec. 17.—It was authoritatively announced that the offer of a cabinet position to Congressman Theodore Burton of Cleveland had been withdrawn by Mr. Taft and would not be renewed. Mr. Burton had been mentioned as the probable secretary of the treasury and it is said that the portfolio had been definitely offered to him.

Island and Santa Fe Fined.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Plans of guilty were entered by the Rock Island and the Santa Fe Railroad companies to charge of violating the twenty-eight-hour law and fines of \$100 for each violation were imposed. The law provides that live stock shall not be confined in stock cars for longer than twenty-eight hours without water, food and shelter.

Missionary Dies in India.

New York, Dec. 17.—The news of the death at Yellanda, India, of the Rev. Charles B. Ward of the central provinces mission conference was received here by the board of foreign missions of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Ward has been for thirty-one years a missionary of the Methodist Episcopal church in India.

First Body From Lost Lake Steamer.

Grand Marais, Mich., Dec. 17.—The first body, that of a man, to come ashore from the lost Wolvlin line steamer, D. M. Clemson of Duluth, was found in the surf by lighthouse keepers. The body had on a life preserver marked with the name of the missing steamer.

Completes Case Against Coal Roads.

New York, Dec. 17.—The government completed its case in the suit charging the anthracite coal carrying roads with conspiracy in restraint of trade. It was decided to adjourn until Jan. 14, then resume the hearing at Philadelphia.

Brayfield Hearing Postponed.

Benton, Ill., Dec. 17.—The hearing in the case of Dr. B. F. Brayfield of Mulkeytown, Ill., accused of murder and forgery in connection with the death there of Reuben F. Parrish, has been postponed to Feb. 3, 1906.

Two Pullman Cars Burned.

Minneapolis, Dec. 17.—A Northern Pacific coast train was damaged by fire to the extent of \$40,000 while at the station at St. Cloud, Minn. A lighted match dropped by a passenger on a window curtain started a fire. The entire car was soon ablaze and the fire spread to a second Pullman sleeper. Both cars were burned to the trucks.

Blizzard in Newfoundland.

St. Johns, N. F., Dec. 17.—The worst blizzard in Newfoundland for many years has been raging for forty-eight hours and great damage has been done to fishing vessels. It is feared several schooners have been blown to sea or sunk.

OMAHA HOME OF CORN SHOW.

City May Have National Exposition as it Wishes.

RE-ELECTS OLD OFFICIALS.

President Schuler of Cornell and Senor Dominguez of Mexico Speak on Economics and Farm—Mexican Trophy is Presented.

Omaha, Dec. 17.—The National Corn association re-elected the following officers: Eugene D. Funk, president, Shirley, Ill.; P. G. Holden, vice president, Ames, Ia.; E. C. Montgomery, president, Lincoln, Neb.; J. Wilkes Jones, secretary-treasurer, Omaha, Neb.

Omaha gets the corn show next year, the association declaring that it "is the wish of the organization that Omaha shall have the National Corn exposition so long as Omaha desires." Zerferino Dominguez of Puebla, Mexico, spoke at length in Concert hall and presented the solid silver bust of President Diaz to the town students' judging team, which won the contest for which Senor Dominguez gives the trophy, which is valued at \$1,500.

In dealing with the problem of the

distribution of great wealth President Schurman of Cornell university pointed out that if multi-millionaires, themselves, failed to recognize their obligation to share their fortunes with the community, which they have accumulated with the co-operation of the government, then it is in the power of the government to enforce this obligation by a system of taxation on the transfer and inheritance of decedent's estate. He suggested that "in connection with this National Corn exposition the governor of Nebraska call a conference of governors or other representatives of the several states to formulate a policy on inheritance taxes."

TESTIMONY IN HAIN'S TRIAL.

Story of the Slaying of William E. Annis is Told in Court.

Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 17.—The story of the slaying of William E. Annis as he sat in his catboat and was riddled with bullets was made part of the record in the trial of Thornton J. Hains, a magazine writer, charged with being a principal with his brother, Captain Peter C. Hains, Jr., in the murder of Annis last summer.

Tracing the movements of the principals in the Bayside Yacht club tragedy with the aid of miniature iron figures and models of the boat and the catboat Pam, Edwin Andrews, a yacht club member, showed under examination how the army captain, standing on the boat's edge, held aloft the obscuring boom and sails of Annis' boat and shot the publisher as he sat at the tiller.

There was surprise when it was learned that John Tonnings, a Swedish boatman, who saw the tragedy, could not be located. District Attorney Darin said he thought Tonnings was in Sweden, but that nothing had been heard from him since last September. "He is a most important witness for us," said Lawyer McIntyre, "for through him we would have shown that he struck Captain Hains after the shooting with a boat hook or something and to protect his brother Hains drew his revolver."

Special Prosecutor White declared evidence would be brought out to show that Thornton Hains had full knowledge of his brother's intention to kill Annis and virtually led the way to the yacht club and directed the search for the publisher. Mr. White declared that Thornton Hains pointed his revolver at Mrs. Annis and prevented her from going to the aid of her husband.

Nebraska, the Pumice State.

Omaha, Dec. 17.—The name "Pumice state" might fairly be given to Nebraska. It appears from a recent bulletin of the United States geological survey that practically the entire state is overlaid by natural deposits of this substance, in all stages of consolidation, from fairly solid rock to fine dust. All the pumice produced in the United States in 1907, amounting to 8,112 tons, came from Harlan and Lincoln counties, Nebraska. Pumice is a volcanic product.

KENTUCKY MOB LYNCHES MAN.

Lynchers 'Asked Victim to Pray But He Couldn't

HAD CONFESSED HIS GUILT.

Twenty-Six Men Forced Jailer at Monticello to Surrender Prisoner, Elmer Hill, Who Was Taken Twenty Miles and Strung Up to a Tree.

Monticello, Ky., Dec. 17.—A mob of twenty-six armed men forced the jailer here to give up Elmer Hill, who confessed to the assault and murder of Mamie Womash, age thirteen, near Russell Springs.

The mob took Hill twenty miles and hanged him to a tree. Members of the mob asked him to pray before they strung him up, but he said he couldn't.

NEW PRESIDENT OF SWITZERLAND

Dr. Deucher Becomes Head of Mountain Republic for One Year.

Berne, Switzerland, Dec. 17.—Dr. Deucher was today elected president of the federal council, which makes him president of Switzerland for a one year term.

AUTO PLUNGES INTO RIVER.

Goes Through Open Drawbridge in Snow Storm.

TWO PASSENGERS LOSE LIFE.

A. J. Holliday, Owner of the Car, Managed to Swim to a Pier From Which He was Rescued by Steamer for Which Bridge had Opened.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 17.—A rescue party is today at work trying to raise the automobile of A. J. Holliday from the river, where it plunged this morning, in a blinding snow storm, through an open draw bridge. Several persons were in the car and lost their lives.

Holliday, uninjured, managed to swim to a pier where he was rescued by the steamer Iowa, for which the draw bridge had swung open.

Albert Kuntz, an employee of the Holliday Automobile company, was drowned, but the body has not been recovered.

He is thought to have been plumed

under the machine.

C. Z. Bartlett, another member of the automobile party, and a well known board of trade member, was also drowned.

Sultan Cheered.

Constantinople, Dec. 17.—Sultan Abdul Hamid left Yildiz Kosk at 11:30 this morning for the parliament house where he will open parliament at 1 o'clock. He was accompanied by his private secretary and chancellor. They were driven through the streets and the populace cheered.

CASTRO NOT ALARMED.

Refuses to Believe Reports of Uprising in Venezuela.

Berlin, Dec. 17.—President Castro of Venezuela maintains his composure in the face of alarming reports published here regarding the disturbances in Venezuela. When dispatches were shown to him stating that the people of Caracas had arisen against him, burned the pictures and statues of the president in the public square and had made an attack on a number of buildings, including the stores of several of his warmest adherents, and that several persons had been killed, Castro said quietly: "I don't believe it. I have dispatches from Caracas, but they mention nothing of the kind."

BROTHER OPPOSING BROTHER.

Hargis Murder Trial Presents Peculiar Situation.

Irvine, Ky., Dec. 17.—The trial of Beach Hargis, charged with the murder last February at Jackson, Ky., of his father, Judge James Hargis, was called here. Members of the Hargis family, which is one of the noted feud sources in the Kentucky mountains, are on both sides of the case. The wife of Judge Hargis is using the money her husband left her with which to defend the paricide. Her brother, F. Floyd Bird, is assisting the prosecution.

The murder was committed in the store of Judge Hargis in the county seat of Breathitt county. Beach for several years had been wayward and his father had disciplined him, some stories being that he had dragged the boy through the streets and beaten him. The mother had protected the boy and supplied him with money. Beach, who is about twenty-three years old, entered his father's store and after some hot words and a struggle, shot the judge with the feud chieftain's own pistol.

WILLEY ACQUITTED AT LINCOLN.

Alma Man Freed From State Fair Murder—Shallenberger Testified.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 17.—Special to The News: W. A. Willey, accused or murdering Joseph Watkins during the state fair, was acquitted this morning on his plea of self defense.

Governor-elect Shallenberger testified as to his good character.

Willey is an Alma man, Alma being also Governor Shallenberger's residence.

COMMITTEE SAYS "PROVE IT."

House Committee Would Have Roosevelt Tell Why.

SECRET SERVICE FLING UP.

House Committee Agrees on Report on President Roosevelt's Part of Message Which Insinuated They Might Be Afraid of Secret Service.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The report on the president's message was agreed on today by the special committee of the house appointed to consider the clauses relating to the secret service.

The report calls on the president to submit the information on which he based the insinuation that members of congress were afraid of being investigated by the secret service force.

MINISTER RECEIVES TWINS.

Methodist Pastor at Pierce is Doubly Blessed by Stork.

Pierce, Neb., Dec. 17.—Special to The News: Twin girls arrived yesterday at the home of Rev. and Mrs. E. J. T. Connelly here. Mr. Connelly is the Methodist minister.

High School Students Suspended.

Grand Island, Neb., Dec. 17.—Fifteen male students at the high school have been suspended until the end of the term for insubordination and twenty-eight girl students who sympathized with them and went skating for the afternoon, were suspended for two days. The incident grows out of the action of a number of boys who attempted to defy the principal, who issued an order to lower a class flag.

TAFT TALKS ON TARIFF REVISION.

President Elect Speaks at Banquet of Ohio Society.

MUST REDEEM PARTY PLEDGES.

Indicates Intention to Veto Bill if Not Satisfactory—Also Declares for Enforcement of Sherman Anti-Trust Law as Platform Promise.

New York, Dec. 17.—President Elect Taft was the guest of honor last night at the twenty-third annual dinner of the Ohio society in New York. Around the 100 tables placed in the grand ballroom in the Astor gallery of the Astoria hotel were men gathered from every section of the country and leaders in many walks of life.

Mr. Taft took advantage of the occasion, in a speech filled with more earnestness than any he has delivered since his election, to pledge his administration and his party, so far as he can control it, to a loyal adherence to the Chicago platform. He dwelt almost wholly upon the revision of the tariff, which he singled out as the most important declaration made at the last national convention, and after having previously referred to the veto power of the chief executive said with all the emphasis of which he was capable: "Better no revision at all, better that the new bill should fail, unless we have an honest and thorough revision on the basis laid down and the principle outlined in the party platform."

Mr. Taft also referred to the Sherman anti-trust law, and declared for its enforcement as one of the Roosevelt policies that the party had pledged itself to carry forward.

Seated at the "president's table" with Mr. Taft were the vice president elect, Mr. Sherman; Governor Charles E. Hughes; Henry W. Taft, president of the society; Charles P. Taft of Cincinnati; Horace D. Taft of Waterbury, Conn.; J. Pierpont Morgan, Paul Morton and others.

Wright Makes Remarkable Flight.

Lemans, Dec. 17.—Wilbur Wright, the American aviator, made a remarkable flight in his aeroplane. Instead of rising gradually, the machine shot up like a rocket to a height of 240 feet. The aeronaut then permitted it to drop about fifty feet and then stopped the engine. The machine glided down smoothly and gracefully, landing about three-quarters of a mile from the starting point.

SHUMWAY HAS 3 WEEKS MORE.

Murderer's Time to Hang Now in Shallenberger's Term.

COMMISSIONERS RETAINED.

Despite Enlargement of the Supreme Court the Four Present Court Commissioners Will Be Retained Until April 10 to Finish Work.

Lincoln, Dec. 17.—Special to The News: R. Mende Shumway, the murderer waiting execution by the hangman, has had his execution postponed from January 8 to January 29.

Three Months for Commissioners.

Despite the reorganization of the supreme court by the addition of four new supreme judges, the four present supreme court commissioners will be retained until April 10. By that time the court calendar will have been cleaned up.

Taft Confers With Roosevelt.

Washington, Dec. 17.—President-elect Taft will confer with President Roosevelt today, stopping here on his way from New York to Augusta, Ga.

KILL 3 WAGON LOADS OF BOOZE.

Henry Van House Pays Record Fine, \$450, Following Raid.

STANTON COURT ADJOURNS.

Only Jury Case Tried in District Court Resulted in Disagreement—Guilty Admitted in Liquor Cases.—Three Wagon Loads of "Evidence."

Stanton, Neb., Dec. 17.—Special to The News: District court of Stanton county adjourned yesterday noon after a three days' session. Judge Guy T. Graves presided and Miss Brown of Omaha officiated as court reporter.

But one jury case was tried, a case in which the Nye, Schneider company was plaintiff and Albert Johnson defendant. It resulted in a disagreement.

Owing to the illness of the defendants' attorney, John A. Ehrhardt, the case of the state against Fred Biss and others was continued. This was a charge of robbery.

The defendants in the case of the state against Emil Blecha and Henry VanHouse, who were jointly charged with selling and keeping liquors for sale without a license, was disposed of by pleas of guilty by Blecha to a count charging him with selling liquors and by a plea of guilty by VanHouse on three counts charging him with keeping liquors for sale. The court assessed a fine of \$100 to Blecha and \$450 to VanHouse. This is the largest fine ever assessed in Stanton county and was promptly paid by the defendants.

Yesterday afternoon Sheriff Stucker under order from the court destroyed three wagon loads of liquors which were secured by the officers when a store conducted by the defendants was raided some time ago.

In the case of the state against Joseph Novotny the defendant withdrew and dismissed his appeal, leaving the sentence of the county court of ninety days in jail to be served by the defendant.

The case of the state against Schultz was continued because of the illness of defendant, Schultz.

President of Duma Resigns.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 17.—During an exciting session of the duma Nikolai A. Khomyakov, president of the duma, resigned.

TURKISH PARLIAMENT OPENS.

Ottoman Empire Begins New Regime as Constitutional Monarchy.

Constantinople, Dec. 17.—Turkey made her bow as a full fledged constitutional monarchy today, when the new Ottoman parliament began its first session. This assembly was provided for in the constitution by Sultan Abdul Hamid last July and is the first body of its kind to meet in the empire for over thirty years. The life of its only predecessor was brief, but great hopes are entertained for the success of the new emperor.

Today has been proclaimed a general holiday in honor of the parliament. The decorations are unprecedented and most of the population is in the streets. Practically every regiment in the Constantinople garrison lined the route under arms when the sultan drove to open the assembly, while school children along the way sang hymns of liberty as the cortege passed. Everywhere interest and expectation are high and there is no doubt that the day will go down as one of the most important in Turkish history.

THE CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Twenty-four Hours Condition of the weather as reported for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 a. m. today.

Maximum	35
Minimum	29
Average	32
Rainfall	.25

Chicago, Dec. 17.—The bulletin issued by the Chicago station of the United States weather bureau gives the forecast for Nebraska as follows: Fair and much colder tonight. Fair Friday.

SENATE ACTION ON MESSAGE.

Resolution Authorizing Investigation is Adopted.

NEW RULES MEN ORGANIZE.

House Insurgents Meet and Formulate Plans to Take Power From Speaker. Want One Day Set Aside for Call of Committees.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The senate devoted considerable time to a discussion of the president's course in placing strictures on congress in the matter of the secret service and adopted a searching resolution, proposed by Aldrich, and amended upon the suggestion of Culberson, providing for an investigation by the committee on appropriations of the president's charges both in respect to the facts and the course that should be taken by congress to resent the imputations believed to have been cast upon that body. Aldrich in introducing his resolution made no comment upon it, but Senators Bailey, Bacon, Tillman, Culberson and others declared that the president's message should be resented by the senate as highly insulting.

Senator Foraker's resolution calling on the secretary of war for information concerning the work of detectives in the Brownsville affair was adopted.

Senator Lodge spoke in support of the Warner bill permitting the president to re-enlist the discharged soldiers of the Twenty-fifth regiment at his discretion.

Except for a few moments spent in the transaction of routine business and the passage of two bridge bills, the house devoted its entire time to the further consideration of the bill to revise the penal laws of the United States. The Garrett amendment, which prohibited the sending through the mails of information bearing on transactions in futures, was defeated by a decisive vote. Without opposition an amendment by Houston (Tenn.) was adopted making it an offense to deposit in or ship through the mails intoxicating liquors.

BONI WITHDRAWS MONEY DEMAND.

Appears in Court Now Merely as a Claimant for His Children.

Paris, Dec. 17.—The last day of the hearing of the suit brought by Count Boni de Castellane against his former wife, the Princess de Sagan, formerly Anna Golikoff, in which he petitions the court to award the custody of his three children to his mother, the Marquise de Castellane, brought out the fact that the count had withdrawn his demand that the court allow him a yearly income of \$60,000 for keeping the children.

M. Bonnet, speaking for the count, read a letter from his client filled with indignant protests that he should have been charged with initiating the proceedings to obtain money and in which the count abandoned his claim for the allowance. He insisted that his only object in wanting the children was his solicitude for their moral and physical welfare. It is evident that the count has recognized that his claim for the large allowance has injured his case in the eyes of the court and the estimation of the public and his tardy renunciation is considered a clever move to enlist sympathy in his favor.

The proceedings were filled with allegations from both sides. The prosecutor will present his conclusions next week and the court will then render its decision. It will either dismiss the count's plea or grant him the custody of the children, or, if doubt exists, will order the taking of testimony.

The Princess de Sagan continues to be sanguine of a favorable decision.

Telephone Quarrel Ends in Killing.

Matawan, W. Va., Dec. 17.—H. O. Smith, general superintendent of the Freebury Coal and Coke company, was shot and killed in a quarrel at Beulah by H. A. Conners, station agent for the Norfolk and Western railroad. The men quarreled over the telephone regarding the handling of certain cars of freight and an hour later when they met the quarrel was resumed and the shooting followed.

Three Turfmen Arrested.

New Orleans, Dec. 17.—As a result of an attempt inaugurated to test the Locke anti-acting law at City Park race track, three turfmen were arrested.

THROWS OUT HAIN'S MODELS.

Miniature Figures and Club Grounds Not Allowed.

SLAYING OF W. E. ANNIS TOLD.

Testimony in Hains Trial Proceeds. Wife of Murdered Man Called to the Stand—Expensive Model, Judge Says, is Deceptive to Jury.

Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Mrs. Annis was called to the stand in the Hains trial.

Mrs. Annis, dressed in black, testified as to her husband's death, which occurred at 7:20 in the evening.

Morton Slaura, a hack driver, told of driving the Hains brothers to the club the day of the shooting. He saw the shooting and was threatened by T. Jenkins Hains not to interfere with the captain.

Model of Grounds Thrown Out.

During the morning the court ruled out the defense's model of the Bayside Yacht club, declaring that it was out of proportion and gave jurors a false idea of the situation. Attorney McIntyre pleaded for its retention unavailably.

The defense had hoped that the state's witnesses would become confused when they tried to place the model boat and the mannikins in the positions they occupied the day of the shooting.

Dr. Johnson, the surgeon called to the club after the shooting, testified as to the nature of the wounds which resulted in Annis' death.

Des Moines, Dec. 17.—The burden of taxation for public improvements will fall on the coming generation in Iowa if the views of the Iowa Tax Revision society is carried out by the coming session of the legislature.

To the end that this revision system shall be put in force, Frank Pierce of Marshalltown, Ia., has written to every incorporated city in the state asking for support in securing the passage of a law which will place this burden on those who pay taxes in the future. Mr. Pierce and the revision society believe that the tax for new roads, boulevards, public parks, city halls and expensive court houses should be paid by the coming generation. A law yet to be drafted will be placed in the hands of legislators and an attempt made to secure its passage.

CORN STALK PAPER ASSURED.

Government Laboratories Produce Printing Material With By-Product.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Dr. B. T. Galoway of the bureau of plant inquiry of the department of agriculture reported to the house committee on agriculture that laboratory tests seemed to warrant the conclusion that print paper could be manufactured from cornstalks in competition with wood pulp, adding that a commercial test soon would be made by a mill in Maine.

He explained that if the venture proved a success it would be due largely to the production of a by-product, a coarse quality of molasses, such as is imported and is used in large degree, especially in the south, to feed cattle and mules.

The laboratory tests indicated, he reported, that a ton of cornstalks would yield \$3 worth of molasses.

Putnam Implicates Attorney.

Sioux City, Dec. 17.—Samuel Putnam, who was arrested for the alleged taking of bribes in connection with the work of the Anti-Saloon league, has implicated John F. Joseph, a prominent attorney. Putnam declares that he was told by Joseph, who is attorney for the league, to settle the case with Goeden, who was the alleged victim, for \$25, which amount was to be divided between the two. Joseph indignantly denies the charge.

Woman Hopes to Convert Roosevelt.

Richmond, Ky., Dec. 17.—Mrs. James Bennett, president of the Kentucky Equal Rights association, in an open letter to President Roosevelt, declares she hopes to convert him from a lukewarm to an enthusiastic supporter of woman suffrage.

Maine Hunters' Death Yield.

Augusta, Me., Dec. 17.—Sixteen deaths may fairly be charged to this year's big game hunting season in Maine, just closed. Thirteen persons were killed by the accidental discharge of firearms or by being shot in mistake for deer.

Bank of Napoleon Fails.

Napoleon, O., Dec. 17.—The Citizens' State bank assigned to D. D. Donovan. The failure is said to have been caused by poor loans and it is also stated that it was brought about by the Ohio German insurance company's failure.

Muskrats Undermine Roadbed.