

How They Practice Government Ownership in the Land of the Kangaroo.

A CONGRESSMAN'S COMMENTS.

Government Ownership of Railways, Telegraphs, Telephones, Street Cars Electric Lights, Gas, Etc.

A Letter From Kem.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18, '92. Editor ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT: Find enclosed a clipping from an evening paper here to which I desire to call your attention, and by your permission, the attention of your readers.

It is worthy of more than passing notice because it bears directly upon questions of vital interest that are at issue in our own country today. Particularly do I commend this article to the attention of the average republican politician of Nebraska who seems to have a "holly horror" of government control of railroads.

This article is particularly interesting at this time for the reason that next week will come up in the house the famous (or rather infamous) Niagara Canal scheme which means if successful, another robbery of the people through the medium of bonds.

And the name of every man who votes for it should become a "his and a by-word" among the people. The next few days may determine whether we will put a check on this modern manner of highway robbery.

Let me ask these fellows who cry paternalism every time any of the reforms advocated by the populists are mentioned, what is this but paternalism of the worst kind? The parent not only discriminates in favor of a very small number of his children, but actually steals millions from the balance of the children and hands it over to the pets.

Well, we shall see what shall see. M. K. F.

Hen. Joseph C. Lewelling, member of Parliament from Victoria, Australia is stopping at the National Hotel. Mr. Lewelling is a native of Australia, but between forty-five and fifty years of age, and a remarkably fine specimen of manhood as developed in the South Seas.

It does not appear to be generally known among Americans that the railroads in Australia are owned and operated by the different colonial governments. As far as that is concerned, however, I find Americans, as a rule, know very little about Australia.

Eskimo women are boot and shoe makers as well as tailors and mantuamakers. Boots are made of sealskin throughout, or else the legs of sealskin and the soles of walrus skin.



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LATEST RUMORS AND SPECULATIONS OF POLITICIANS.

HERBERT TALKED OF FOR THE NAVY

Collins, Phelps, Carlisle, Blount, Tucker and Dickinson seem to be favorite names for the Cabinet prospects to conjure with—Other late Washington news of general interest.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—One partial cabinet list presented by some of the prophets for consideration yesterday was ex-Minister Phelps for secretary of state, Morrison or Carlisle for secretary of the treasury, "Pat" Collins for secretary of war, Herbert for secretary of the navy, Dickinson for attorney general and Blount of Georgia for postmaster general.

The selection of Collins as secretary of war would meet with general approval among Democrats, but it is likely that he might not accept anything but the attorney generalship.

There are three Southern men of reputation prominently spoken of for the attorney generalship. They are John Randolph Tucker of Virginia, Representative Culbertson of Texas, who is regarded as one of the strongest men in the South, and ex-Representative Hammond of Georgia.

EX-SECRETARY BLAINE

His Brother Robert Talks of James G.'s Religious Views.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Robert Blaine, a brother of James G., employed in the bureau of animal industry, is given as authority for the following statement in regard to the visits of Cardinal Gibbons to his sick brother.

"The cardinal would scarcely come without an invitation," said Robert Blaine, "and it would seem plain to the dullest that his visit could be for no business or political purpose. The truth is," continued Mr. Blaine's brother, "who by the way is a devout Catholic. Our mother was an earnest member of that church and raised us all in the faith. There has never been any question in my brother's life when he did not wear the scapular which was put about his neck by our mother, and it is there now. His children, too, are and were members of the Catholic church. Mrs. Coppinger died a devout Catholic, and Hattie Blaine is a constant and thorough communicant. Young Jimmy may or may not be. I don't know. He was baptized into the Catholic church like all the others and was educated at the Catholic university in Georgetown. Among members of the family, there never was any doubt as to Mr. Blaine's religious views. We all knew he was a Catholic in belief, though, of course, busy as he was in politics, he seldom attended, and could not be called a 'good Catholic.'"

Speaking of the ex-secretary's fortune, Robert Blaine said: "My brother is not so wealthy as some think. He sold his Dupont Circle house to the Leiters recently at a good figure. He was also offered \$110,000 for the place he lives in. He told me at the time of the Leiters sale that he supposed he was worth about \$50,000. There is a \$50,000 policy on his life."

RAILROAD CROSSING WAR.

Prospects Are Bright for an Exceedingly Lively Contest.

NEVADA, Mo., Dec. 28.—A lively skirmish occurred yesterday at a point about twelve miles west of Nevada, where the Kansas City, Nevada and Fort Smith railroad sought to cross the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad.

Several legal proceedings have been begun by the two roads, and on Saturday night the local attorneys of the Kansas City road applied to Judge Stratton, of the circuit court, for an order restraining the Missouri, Kansas and Texas from interfering with the first named road in making a crossing.

DANGERS OF THE SEA

AWFUL EXPERIENCES OF THE NORDLAND'S PASSENGERS.

AT THE MERCY OF STORMY BILLOWS

Her Machinery Breaks Down in Mid-Ocean and the Great Vessel Has Big Holes Pounded Through Her Into Which Water Rushes—Only the Bulkheads Between Passengers and Death.

QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 29.—The steamship Nordland was towed into Queenstown harbor by the steamship Ohio at 7 o'clock last evening. All the passengers were on deck, waving hats and handkerchiefs and cheering. Anchor was dropped and the passengers were removed to shore by a tender.

All showed signs of the anxiety which they had suffered, and some of the elderly steerage passengers were hardly able to walk. Several women fell on their knees and cried the moment they were landed.

Frank Shea, a first cabin passenger now stopping at a Queenstown hotel, told his experience: "The first two days out of New York were fairish, although a part of the time a heavy sea was running."

"Five or six of us were in the smoking room talking about how we should pass Christmas in Antwerp when there was a terrific crash and we were thrown from the seats into a heap on the floor. The vibration of the ship almost shook us from our feet as we started for the door."

"Friday was uneventful. The tables were laid as usual, but few cared to eat. At 2 o'clock on Saturday morning, the lookout yelled: 'Light ahead.' Everybody turned out and listened eagerly for the next word. 'She's a steamer,' was the next call. We all shook hands and cheered, and many ran about shouting for joy. We all remained on deck the rest of the night, watching the Ohio's lights."

BILL DALTON.

His Appointment as a Deputy Marshal Will Have to Be Explained.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Attorney-General Miller is disturbed by the report that Bill Dalton, a brother of the notorious outlaws, has been appointed a deputy United States marshal at Coffeyville, Kan. He said yesterday that the first intimation he had received in regard to the matter was when Senator Vest alluded to it in his speech in the senate last week.

He explains that the department never interfered with the marshals in the appointment of their deputies unless there were special reasons for so doing, but indicated very clearly that he would not countenance the appointment of a man of Dalton's stamp. No further action will be taken until the two marshals have been heard from.

DEACON SEEKS DIVORCE.

The Unfavorable Scandal Case Transferred From France to New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Edward Parker Deacon who shot M. Abeille in the Hotel Splendide, Cannes, France, because of intimacy with his wife, has, through Coudert Brothers, brought action in the supreme court for an absolute divorce from his wife, Florence Deacon, on the ground that Mrs. Deacon is now residing in France. Judge Lawrence has given permission that the summons be served by publication.

Teachers in Session.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 29.—Ex-President D. S. Pence of Wichita, called to order the thirtieth annual meeting of the Kansas teachers' association at Representative hall last evening. After several addresses President J. E. Klock of Leavenworth, spoke on "Over Crowded Courses of Study in Elementary Schools."

Industrial Legion Work Progressing.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 29.—The Populist conference in session here was occupied this morning with plans for pushing the organization of the Industrial Legion. The fitness of candidates for state organizers was canvassed and some attention was paid to preparation of organizers' instructions.

Rock Island Men to Hold a Conference.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Two delegates from the working agents and operators on each division of the Rock Island railroad will meet in conference this week in Chicago with Assistant General Manager Allen. The object is to settle the difference between the operators and the company.

Governor-Elect Lovell on Crutches.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 29.—Governor-elect Lovell arrived from Wichita this morning and is staying at the Chesterfield. He is on crutches, his ankle still being sore on account of his fall last week. He has not decided whether he will remain in Topeka until his inauguration, but may go back to Wichita to-morrow. He was closeted with Mr. Close, his private secretary, all morning.

A Step Toward Bimetallism.

PARIS, Dec. 29.—Prof. E. Benjamin Andrews, president of Brown university, one of the American delegates to the international monetary conference at Brussels, left to-day on his return to New York. In a conversation prior to his departure he expressed himself as pleased with the monetary conference, which, he said, marked a step's advance in bimetallicism.

Caring for the Chicago Poor.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—One of the provisions of the will of Granville S. Ingraham is that a hospital be erected to cost perhaps \$250,000, certainly not less than \$100,000. There are no specific instructions beyond the mere direction that it be erected for the "sick poor" and that it be supervised by Mrs. Ingraham.

German Soldiers Too Proud to Shoot.

BERLIN, Dec. 29.—Orders have been given to army officers not to supply sentries with ball cartridges after the end of the present year. This step is taken in view of the much too frequent affrays between civilians and sentries in which the latter usually use their arms with fatal effects.

STRANGE APPOINTMENT.

Bill Lipsey, Brother-in-Law of Henry Starr, a Deputy Marshal.

COFFEYVILLE, Kan., Dec. 29.—Following the appointment of Bill Dalton as deputy marshal comes the information that Bill Lipsey, brother-in-law of Henry Starr, the desperado, and brother of Sam Lipsey, who killed his man in the territory in the summer of 1891, has been appointed a deputy by Marshal Needles of Muskogee. Bill Lipsey himself has a most unsavory reputation, and some days ago he was heard in this city to say he did not blame Starr for killing Marshal Wilson.

A Child Burned to Death.

TRENTON, Mo., Dec. 29.—Clara, the 4-year-old daughter of Lawrence Nichols, a coal miner, was burned to death at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The mother of the child stepped out to a neighbor's for a few minutes, leaving a pan of berries setting on the stove. When she returned the little one's clothing was all aflame, and in tearing them from her body, the mother was quite severely burned. Large pieces of burned flesh adhered to the shreds of clothing and the body and limbs of the little one were literally cooled, death resulting in a short time.

Improved engine practice has caused the adoption of a mechanical device for constant feed of fuel to the furnaces.

Likely to Build.

NELIGH, Neb., Dec. 29.—Dwight Hitchcock, president of the Pueblo & Duluth Railroad company, returned from New York Monday, accompanied by R. G. Harvey, representative of a syndicate of eastern capitalists. The representative business men of Neligh called on Mr. Harvey at the railway office this afternoon. Mr. Harvey stated that it was his intention to visit a number of points on the line to satisfy himself of its earning capacity and on his return to New York he and his associates would meet and determine as to furnishing the capital agreed. As to the prospects Mr. Harvey declined to give an opinion at present, but said he had known Mr. Hitchcock for twenty-two years and had furnished capital to build roads in Indiana and Illinois of which Mr. Hitchcock was president and therefore felt that he could place a great deal of reliance on Mr. Hitchcock's statements. Mr. Harvey was shown over the proposed line and terminal facilities in this city.

Raggage Master Killed.

PAWNEE CITY, Neb., Dec. 29.—Reports reached here yesterday of a bad wreck occurring on the Rock Island, locating the accident at this point. That a wreck occurred is true, but it happened near Troy, Kas., about 8 o'clock yesterday morning, and was a head end collision between passenger No. 16, going east, and fast freight No. 96. From the best information that can be learned the accident resulted in smashing both engines and wrecking a number of cars, entailing a heavy loss to the company. Dad Miles, an express messenger on 16, is reported killed outright and several others seriously injured. Just what caused the collision is not known. Passenger No. 13, due here at 1:40 p. m., was reported nine hours late.

Nothing Unearthed.

OSCEOLA, Neb., Dec. 20.—Coroner W. F. Nickell of Stromsburg has been trying to have an inquest over the body of the man Zurosky, who lives down by the Platte river in this county, and was burned to death a week ago last Sunday. The neighbors living near there thought there had been foul play and that Mr. Zurosky had been murdered, and notified the coroner who went down last Friday and learned that when Mr. Zurosky was buried they could not find his head. The coroner empaneled a jury and adjourned the trial until yesterday, when they had the body exhumed and found that both legs and one of the arms were also gone. The jury brought in a verdict of accidental death, and the county pays the expenses.

Would Do It.

NEBRASKA CITY, Dec. 29.—Chris Mayes and Miss Annie Comstock have been engaged for some time and a few days ago the announcement was made of their approaching marriage, which was to take place this week. Relatives objected, however, on account of the youth of both prospective bride and groom, neither being out of their teens. Tuesday evening that started, ostensibly, to attend a dance and have not yet returned. The impression prevails that they left on the Kansas City train for Missouri, where no hard hearted relatives could interfere with their plans.

Narrow Escape.

HASTINGS, Dec. 29.—H. V. Scott, foreman of the car repair gang in the B. & M. yards, narrowly escaped being instantly killed last night while engaged in inspecting some freight cars, which had been in a small wreck on the Aurora branch, whose bumpers had been misplaced. A switch caught back up and caught Mr. Scott between the cars, in a space of about four inches. The company physician who attended him says he will recover.

Knocked Off the Track.

LINCOLN, Dec. 29.—While walking on the Union Pacific track south of the penitentiary yesterday, Joe McGraw, aged 16, was struck by a train, throwing him from the track. He was picked up and brought to the city in an unconscious condition. Dr. Mitchell found his spine injured and a compound fracture of one arm. He is doing well and his friends have hopes of his recovery.

Took Him Back.

PLATTSBOURGH, Dec. 29.—George Little, wanted in Harrison county, Iowa, for shooting with intent to kill, was arrested in this city by Chief of Police Grace, and the sheriff of Harrison county took possession of the prisoner.

An English woman has patented a device by which a skirt may be elevated neatly and evenly all around by a simple tug at a band.